



Steve Troxler
Commissioner

North Carolina Department of Agriculture
and Consumer Services
Meat and Poultry Inspection Division

Donald H. Delozier
State Director

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CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

El Lago
Mr. Aldo Hernandez
427 North Bridge Street
Washington, NC 27889

NOTICE OF WARNING

We have an investigative case report showing that you violated the North Carolina Compulsory Meat Inspection Law. This reported violation was discussed with you on July 18, 2011. Specifically, our investigation revealed that you had processed, stored, offered for sale and/or sold five (5) packages of pork sausage (Longaniza), which did not contain State (NCDA) or Federal (USDA) marks of inspection or required labeling, to the general public. In a signed statement dated July 18, 2011 you admitted to re-packaging the pork sausage that you purchased from a retail store in Raleigh, NC into zip lock style plastic bags at you non-inspected retail store, El Lago. You then in turn offered for sale and sold the non-inspected, misbranded pork sausage to the general public.

Please be advised that the sale of misbranded and/or uninspected meat products is a violation of North Carolina General Statute (N.C.G.S.) §106-549.23 with civil and/or criminal penalties. Please be advised that you will not receive any further warning with regard to this violation. If you should continue to sell misbranded and/or uninspected meat products, we will pursue legal action against you to invoke the penalties associated with these continued violations. I certainly hope this expensive action will not be necessary. An officer from this department will visit you periodically to verify compliance.

Sincerely,

Donald H. Delozier
State Director

cc: Mr. Barry Bloch, Assistant Attorney General
Mr. Ray Starling, General Counsel
Mr. Howard Isley, Assistant Commissioner