



Steve Troxler  
Commissioner

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

W. Alan Wade  
State Director

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**CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Ms. Martha Afua  
Carolina International Mart  
3605-110 Bastion Lane  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27604

**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 March 10, 2014. Specifically, our investigation revealed that you had stored, offered for sale and/or sold Beef Pies, which did not contain a State (N.C.D.A.) or Federal (U.S.D.A.) marks of inspection or required labeling, to the general public. In a signed Shipper's or Receiver's Certifications dated March 10, 2014 you stated you purchased the Beef Pies from two different businesses/individuals (Beryl's Cakes/Ms. Beryl Okine and Health Zone Catering/Ms. Liz Obi) in Raleigh, North Carolina and in turn placed the Beef Pies, which did not contain a State (N.C.D.A.) or Federal (U.S.D.A.) marks of inspection or required labeling, in your retail establishment (Carolina International Mart), where the misbranded/non-inspected Beef Pies were offered for sale and sold to the general public.

Please be advised that the sale of misbranded and/or non-inspected 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 non-inspected 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,

W. Alan Wade  
State Director

cc: Mr. Barry Bloch, Assistant Attorney General  
Mr. Joe Reardon, Assistant Commissioner  
Ms. Tina Hlabse, General Council