



Steve Troxler  
Commissioner

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

W. Alan Wade  
State Director

May 17, 2013

**CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. Bryon Brake  
Brake's Store  
944 East Tarboro Street  
Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27801

**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 April 12, 2013. Specifically, our investigation revealed that you had processed, transported, stored, offered for sale and/or sold cooked pork skins wholesale, which did not contain State (NCDA) or Federal (USDA) marks of inspection or required labeling, to another retail store for the sole purpose of resale to the general public. In a signed statement dated April 12, 2013 you stated you purchased large U.S.D.A. inspected boxes of precooked pork skins (pellets) from American Skin Company in Burgaw, North Carolina and in turn cooked and packaged the pork skins into small retail size packages inside Brake's Store without the benefit of state (N.C.D.A.) or federal (U.S.D.A.) inspection.

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,

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cc: Mr. Barry Bloch, Assistant Attorney General  
Mr. Joe Reardon, Assistant Commissioner