



Steve Troxler
Commissioner

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

W. Alan Wade
State Director

December 1, 2014

CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Ralph Baker
Pop's Country Store
5285 US Hwy. 601 North
Salisbury, North Carolina 28147

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 September 18, 2014. Specifically, our investigation revealed that you had processed, stored, offered for sale and/or sold beef jerky, which did not contain State (NCDA) or Federal (USDA) marks of inspection or required labeling, to the general public. In a signed statement dated September 18, 2014 you stated that you purchased the beef used in the misbranded beef jerky from Food Lion # 1 in Salisbury, North Carolina, and in-turn processed, offered for sale and sold the misbranded beef jerky 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,

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