



**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND CONSUMER SERVICES
MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION DIVISION
Raleigh, North Carolina**

Steven W. Troxler, Commissioner

MPID NOTICE

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**TRANSPORTATION ACCIDENTS
INVOLVING MEAT AND POULTRY PRODUCTS**

- I. **PURPOSE:** This notice prescribes procedures for reporting transportation accidents outside the official establishments **involving state and federally inspected meat and/or poultry products. This agency does not handle any accidents involving live animals.**
- II. **RESERVED/CANCELLATION:** Cancel MPID Notice 3-06 dated 5-15-06.
- III. **REASON FOR ISSUANCE:** To provide an agency policy concerning the responsibilities of Meat & Poultry Inspection Division (MPID) Employees regarding transportation accidents involving inspected meat or poultry products that may have become contaminated or adulterated as a result of the accident.
- IV. Litigation in previous situations indicates that when our employees are present at accident sites, the Agency (North Carolina Meat & Poultry Inspection Division) assumes legal responsibility for the subsequent condition of the product. This assumption of legal responsibility in these types of situations contradicts federal and state meat and poultry inspection laws and regulations. Further, MPID Compliance and Inspection personnel do not have vehicle safety lights or personal protective equipment suitable to handle roadside accident conditions.
- V. **REFERENCES:** The Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) and the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA). Specific Guidelines for Federal Meat and Poultry Laws can be found in Title 9, Sections 300 to 600, Code of Federal Regulations. The North Carolina Compulsory Meat Inspection Law (NCCMIL) and North Carolina Poultry Products Inspection Law (NCPPIIL). Specifics for North Carolina Meat and Poultry laws can be found in Articles 49B, 49C, 49D, and 49H, Chapter 106 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.
- VI. **POLICY**
 - A. **General.** Under both federal and state laws and acts referenced above, as well as all current regulations, inspection personnel have authority to inspect and pass or condemn meat and poultry products at state and federally inspected establishments only. Meat and poultry products at locations other than state or federally inspected establishments may be officially detained under certain circumstances by State or Federal Compliance Officers and, when necessary, seized pursuant to court order due to violation(s) of the aforementioned acts and laws.
 - B. **General Transportation Accidents.** The following actions will be taken when reports are received by any inspection personnel concerning transportation accidents involving state or federally inspected and passed meat and poultry products:

1. The caller should be referred to the USDA, Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) District Office, Raleigh, NC.
2. The phone number for that office is (919) 844-8400 or 1-800-662-7608. If the accident occurs after hours or on weekends the caller will be provided a number for the FSIS Duty Officer on call for emergencies.

The caller should be prepared to provide the following information:

- a. Name and phone number of person reporting accident.
 - b. Date, time, and location of the accident.
 - c. Carrier's name, address, phone number, and name of responsible person.
 - d. Shipper's name, address, phone number, and name of responsible person.
 - e. Original destination of product.
 - f. New destination after accident.
 - g. Product description and amount (piece count, and/or container count and weight) and reported condition. Product description refers to type of product (meat or poultry) and type of packaging (if any) protecting product.
 - h. Identification of conveyance (such as trailer number and license number) used to transport product to final destination.
3. Normally, state and federal inspection officials, including Compliance Officers will not be present at an accident site. Therefore, no disposition of product will be made at the accident site. This policy is dictated by liability issues associated with attempting to handle and/or condemn product on or adjacent to a highway.
 4. All involved product should be transported back to the establishment that produced it or, in some cases, the nearest fully inspected establishment that chooses to accept it.
 5. If the producing establishment or any other fully inspected establishment refuses to accept the product, it may be transported to a landfill for burial or it may be transported to a rendering company. The landfill or rendering company should be contacted first to see if they will accept the product. The transportation company is responsible for this product while it is on the highways, therefore, in all circumstances, the transportation company must keep records of their actions in handling this damaged product. A list of rendering companies is included as an attachment in case one of these firms becomes the final destination for the product involved in the accident.
 6. Within a few days of the accident, federal or state officials will perform a follow-up assessment at the producing establishment to determine if appropriate disposition of affected product took place.

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: If you have any questions or need additional information, contact the Meat & Poultry Inspection Division Headquarters in Raleigh, NC during normal working hours at (919) 707-3180.

Dr. Karen Beck
State Director

DISTRIBUTION: MPID Personnel; NC Highway Patrol; USDA, FSIS District Office; NC FDA; NCDA&CS Emergency Programs; Veterinary Animal Health Programs; Licensed Rendering Facilities

SUBJECT CATEGORY:
Compliance

**LIST OF NORTH CAROLINA
LICENSED RENDERERS**

<u>License No.</u>	<u>Plant</u>	<u>County</u>
2 (6-24-55)	Carolina By-Products (A Valley Proteins Co.) 5533 S. York Highway Gastonia, NC 28052 Paul Humphries, Plant Mgr. (704) 864-9941	Gaston
5 (6-24-55)	River Valley Animal Foods Tyson Foods, Inc. PO Box 158 501 Sheffield Rd. Harmony, NC 28634 Danny Russell (704) 546-2602 (800) 568-9707 (704) 546-5944 Fax www.tyson.com	Iredell
14 (4-21-60) (4-21-61)	Carolina By-Products (A Valley Proteins Company) PO Box 1659 1309 Industrial Drive Fayetteville, NC 28302 Eddie Golding, General Manager (910) 483-0473 (800) 476-8675 (910) 323-2260 Fax Email: EddieG@cbpresources.com	Cumberland
15 (1982)	Enterprise Rendering Co. 28821 Bethlehem Church Rd. Oakboro, NC 28129 Carroll Braun (704) 485-3018	Stanly
19 (1969)	Carolina By-Products (A Valley Proteins Company) PO Box 1026 Highway 117 North Rose Hill, NC 28458 Stan Rutherford, General Mgr. (910) 289-4842	Duplin

(910) 289-3312 Fax

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Carolina By-Products
(A Valley Proteins Co.)
PO Box 718
Little Duncan Rd.
Wadesboro, NC 28170
Alan Dunning, Gen. Mgr.
(704) 694-3701
(704) 694-6145 Fax

Anson

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(4-3-89)

Premium Standard Farms
Lundy Rendering
PO Box 49
Clinton, NC 28328
Glenn Clark, Operations Mgr.
(910) 592-2104

Sampson

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(3-22-91)

Perdue Farms, Inc.
d/b/a Protein Conversion
PO Box 10
308 Governors Rd.
Lewiston, NC 27849
(252) 348-4290
(252) 348-4349 Fax

Bertie

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(6-30-2000)

Smithfield Packing Co.
Rt. 1, Box 189
Tar Heel, NC 28392
Bobby Scales
(910) 862-7675, Ext. 345

Bladen