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United States Department of Agriculture

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Marketing & Regulatory Programs Business Services

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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT

Dear Sir(s):

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) enforces regulations to protect the health and care of animals, plants, and agricultural industry. Violations of these regulations jeopardize the animal and plant health systems that are vital to protect American agriculture.

Our investigation shows that you have violated the United States Code of Federal Regulations as described on the enclosed Stipulation. APHIS laws and regulations provide for administrative and criminal penalties to enforce these regulatory requirements, including civil penalties of up to \$10,000 for each of the violations documented in our investigation.

The Secretary of Agriculture may, after providing notice and opportunity for a hearing, impose civil penalties or other sanctions. You may, however, waive your right to a hearing and settle this matter by paying \$90,643 by May 23, 2011 and signing the enclosed Stipulation.

Please pay the \$90,643 penalty by certified check or money order made payable to the Treasurer of the United States or go to www.pay.gov to pay by credit card. Write the Case Number (MO09099-AC) on your check or money order and mail it with the signed Stipulation to:

USDA, APHIS, (General) (MO09099-AC) P. O. Box 979043 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If we do not receive your signed stipulation agreement and payment or notice that you wish to exercise your right to a hearing by May 23, 2011, this matter will be forwarded to the Department's Office of the General Counsel (OGC) for litigation. Please know that the penalty offered in this Stipulation represents a fraction of the civil penalty APHIS may seek should we refer this matter to OGC. You may contact our office at telephone number (301) 734-8684 if you

Sincerely, Sarah L. C. Chief, Animal Health and Welfare Enforcement Branch Investigative and Enforcement Services

Enclosure cc: R. Gibbons, IES, WR K. March, IES, WR L. Carson, AM, WR APHIS:IES: 04/18/11:i:IES:DCS:STIP:MO09



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