

EXHIBIT 1

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RE: Rains Natural Meats - GRANT OF INSPECTION

Dear Mr. Kiecker:

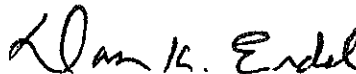
I represent Rains Natural Meats in Gallatin, Missouri. We have been notified Rains Natural Meats has met all statutory and regulatory requirements for a grant of inspection for the slaughter of horses for human consumption and interstate commerce pursuant to the Federal Meat Inspection Act ("FMIA"), 21-U.S.C. Sect. 601-625, at its facility in Gallatin, Missouri. FSIS is now in a position to issue the grant of inspections for Rains Natural Meats as required by the FMIA.

Rains Natural Meats is ready to commence operations tomorrow morning at 8 a.m. Demand is hereby made upon you as a representative of the USDA and the FSIS to issue a grant of inspection today so business operations can commence tomorrow morning or as quickly as inspectors can be assigned by FSIS.

My client trusts you will have an inspector at its facility tomorrow morning and if that is impossible to schedule then Thursday morning.

Sincerely yours,

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EXHIBIT 2

From: Garner, Alison (ENRD) <Alison.Garner@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2013 10:33 AM
To: Wagman, Bruce A.
Cc: Biernoff, Ari; Smith, Andrew (USANM)

As we stated in our Notice, ECF No. 154: "Because FSIS is required, as a matter of law, to provide inspectors for these operations, see 21 U.S.C. § 603(a), FSIS must do so, in the absence of an amendment to the Court's temporary restraining order, as specified [in the Notice]."

From: Wagman, Bruce A. [<mailto:BWagman@schiffhardin.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2013 11:15 AM
To: Garner, Alison (ENRD)
Cc: Biernoff, Ari; Smith, Andrew (USANM)
Subject: RE: FRER v. Vilsack--Rains Natural Meats

Is it FSIS' intention to provide inspectors, in what clearly seems to be a violation of the spirit of the Court's order, if not the exact language?

From: Garner, Alison (ENRD) [<mailto:Alison.Garner@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2013 8:11 AM
To: Wagman, Bruce A.
Cc: Biernoff, Ari; Smith, Andrew (USANM)
Subject: FRER v. Vilsack--Rains Natural Meats

Bruce,

I'm writing to follow up on our conversation last Friday about Rains Natural Meats. We received the attached letter late yesterday. We understand from our conversation with Blair that: 1) Rains intends to move forward with operations on 9/23; and 2) Rains does not intend to file anything with the Court about this or in response to the Notice FSIS filed last Friday.

Thank you,

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