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From: Thompson, Eric - FSIS
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2013 3:33 PM
To: Hammar, Melissa - FSIS; Kiecker, Paul - FSIS
Cc: Gilmore, Keith - FSIS; Cornett, Julie - FSIS; Bane, Robert - FSIS
Subject: RE: Iowa and Missouri

Good Afternoon Melissa,

We checked and could not find an action against Rains Natural Meats for humane handling violations. Thanks.

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Was Rains ever suspended for humane handling violations?

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Good Afternoon Melissa,

I typed the original date of inspection in parenthesis, they both should identify November 30, 1998. Thanks.

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Good Afternoon Melissa,

Rains, EST 20575, received its original grant of inspection on 11-30-1998 (November 30, 1998) for processing (breaking, boning, fabricating, formulating, and slicing) meat and poultry products. The grant was updated on 06-09-2003 to include slaughter (cattle, calves, sheep, goats, swine, and ratites) of animals and processing (beef, veal, lamb, goat, pork, and ratite) of raw meats. The grant was updated on 04-22-2004 to include the processing (young chickens, mature chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, and guinea) raw meats. The grant was updated on 06-07-2012 (owner's medical condition) and 10-17-2012 and 02-12-2013 (waiting for approval of application for horse slaughter) in response to the establishment's requests to implement voluntary 120 day suspensions (reasons in parenthesis). Typical slaughter was cattle and pigs.

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When did Rains Natural Meats get its original grant? Also, what types of animals did the facility typically slaughter (cattle, veal calves, goats, sheep, lambs, swine, and/or poultry)?

From: Kiecker, Paul - FSIS
Sent: Friday, June 07, 2013 7:40 AM
To: Hammar, Melissa - FSIS

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Subject: RE: Iowa and Missouri

Rains Natural Meats (Est. MP20575) slaughtered amenable species a while back and are currently under a voluntary suspension. That means they requested to have the current grant inactivated for lack of a better term. Based on that they would be modifying a grant since they currently have one. I am not aware of any concerns complying with federal, state, or local laws.

Thanks,

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To: Sprouls, Dawn - FSIS; Kiecker, Paul - FSIS
Cc: Gilmore, Keith - FSIS
Subject: FW: Iowa and Missouri

Hi Dawn and Paul,

Keith is out of office. Can you help me answer the questions below?

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From: Hammar, Melissa - FSIS
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 2:13 PM
To: Gilmore, Keith - FSIS
Subject: Iowa and Missouri

Hi Keith,

Did the plants in Iowa and Missouri slaughter other amenable species before applying to slaughter horses? Are we modifying their grants or are we giving them new grants?

Do we know if they have had any problems complying with federal, state, or local laws?