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**WARNING LETTER**

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Refer to MIN 97-17

Walter Griffin  
President  
Coulee Region Organic Produce Pool  
507 West Main Street  
La Farge, Wisconsin 54639

Dear Mr. Griffin:

During an inspection of your firm in La Farge, WI, FDA Investigator William Keer collected samples of the following labels: Colby Cheese, Monterey Jack Style Cheese, Low Sodium Cheddar Cheese, Monterey Jack Cheese, Mild Cheddar Cheese, Sharp Cheddar Cheese, Aged Swiss Cheese, and Petite Swiss Cheese.

**Monterey Jack Style Cheese**

The product is misbranded within the meaning of Section 403(g) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the Act) in that the product is represented as the standardized food "Monterey Jack Cheese" but the product fails to comply with the standard because it is made from raw milk and the standard requires that all of the dairy ingredients used in the manufacture of the product be pasteurized as required by Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations 133.153 (21 CFR 133.153).

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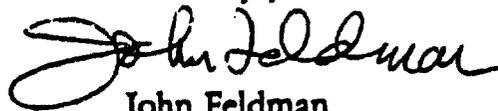
Low Sodium Cheddar Cheese

The product is misbranded within the meaning of Section 403(g) of the Act in that the product is represented as the standardized food "Low Sodium Cheddar Cheese." However, the product fails to comply with this standard because it is labeled as containing 135 mg of sodium per one ounce serving and the standard requires that the product contain not more than 96 mg of sodium per pound (21 CFR 133.116).

The above violations concern certain new labeling requirements and are not meant to be an all inclusive list of deficiencies on your labels. Other label violations can subject the food to legal action. It is your responsibility to assure that all of your products are labeled in compliance with all applicable statutes enforced by FDA.

You should notify this office in writing within 15 working days of receipt of this letter of the specific steps you have taken to correct the noted violations. If corrective action cannot be completed within 15 working days, state the reason for the delay and the time within which the corrections will be completed. Your reply should be directed to Compliance Officer Robert P. Snell at the address indicated on the letterhead.

Sincerely yours,



John Feldman  
Director  
Minneapolis District

xc: George Sieman  
General Manager, CROPP  
507 W. Main St.  
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