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June 25, 1998

Food and Drug Administration
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WARNING LETTER

Kenneth Haubein, President
Jasper Foods, Inc.
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Ref.# - KAN-98-019

Dear Mr. Haubein:

During an inspection of your ready-to-eat cereal manufacturing operation located at 3727 East 27th Street, Joplin, Missouri, conducted on June 4 through 8, 1998, a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Investigator from this office documented significant insanitary conditions which deviate from the Current Good Manufacturing Practice (CGMP) Regulations (Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 110). These conditions cause the ready-to-eat cereals manufactured in your facility to be adulterated within the meaning of Section 402(a)(4) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act).

The conditions included: live and dead insects in sifter tailings from mixers, static flour near flour storage silos, inside the baghouse of silo #5, static flour in baghouse of pneumatic system, and on bagged product; miscellaneous live and dead insects in silo pit; peeling paint and product residue over exposed product on flaked cereal line; broken plexiglass shields; black residue on sugar spray pipe; and use of duct tape on product contact surfaces.

At the conclusion of the inspection, the FDA investigator issued Form FDA 483, List of Observations, to Mr. Kenny Neal, Vice President-Cereal Plant. A copy of this FDA 483 is enclosed for your information.

This letter is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of deficiencies at your facility. It is your responsibility to ensure adherence to each requirement of the Act and regulations.

You should take prompt action to correct these deviations. Failure to promptly correct these deviations may result in regulatory action being initiated by FDA without further notice. These actions may include seizure and/or injunction.

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Please notify this office in writing within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of this letter of the specific steps that are being taken to correct the noted violations and to prevent their recurrence. 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 sent to Clarence R. Pendleton, Compliance Officer, at the above address.

Sincerely,


W. Michael Rogers
District Director
Kansas City District

Enclosure - Form FDA 483

cc: Kenny Neal, Vice President
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