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New York District

Food & Drug Administration
158-15 Liberty Avenue
Jamaica, NY 11433

WARNING LETTER

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Peter Bernhard
President
Swissport USA, Inc.
Building 151
JFK International Airport
Jamaica, NY 11430

April 18, 2001

Ref: NYK-2001-61

Dear Mr. Bernhard:

During an inspection of your airline watering point and lavatory service operation located at the above address on March 23, 2001, our investigator observed violations of the Public Health Service Act and implementing regulations for the Control of Communicable Diseases and Interstate Conveyance Sanitation (Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 1240 and 1250).

At the conclusion of the inspection, our investigator presented a list of Inspectional Observations, (Form FDA 483) (copy attached), and an Inspection Summary – Airline Service Area or Watering Point Sanitation (Form FDA 2528) (copy attached) to Mr. Kevin Robinson, Manager.

The following deviations were observed during the inspection:

- (1) The potable water truck WSU754 is not labeled as "DRINKING WATER ONLY" with 3-inch minimum height letters.
- (2) The potable water hose is not provided with a nozzle guard and a cap or closure with a keeper chain.
- (3) The lavatory truck is not labeled "LAVATORY WASTE" with 3-inch minimum height letters.
- (4) There is no sign instructing employees to wash their hands before returning to work.
- (5) There is no hot water in the hand washing facility.
- (6) There are no towels in the towel dispenser.

As a result of the above violations, a "Provisional" classification has been assigned for a period of thirty (30) days at which time a reinspection will be conducted. If significant improvement has not been made at that time, a "Not Approved" classification will be justified.

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The above violations are not intended to be an all-inclusive list of deficiencies which may exist. You should take prompt action to correct these deviations. It is your responsibility to ensure that all requirements of the Public Health Service Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder are being met. Please 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.

Your response should be sent to Lillian C. Aveta, Compliance Officer, Food and Drug Administration, 158-15 Liberty Avenue, Jamaica, New York 11433. If you have any questions, Ms. Aveta's telephone number is 718-662-5576.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. W. Thomas', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Edward W. Thomas
Acting District Director
New York District

Enclosures: Form FDA 483
Form FDA 2528