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Food and Drug Administration
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WARNING LETTER

Antonia M. Ward, Owner/President
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Trenton, MO 64683

KAN #99-004

Dear Ms. Ward:

An inspection of your firm on October 20 through 29, 1998, by Food and Drug Administration Investigators from this office revealed acidified food products, namely black bean salsa and pickled habanero peppers, are processed at your facility under serious deviations from Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (21 CFR), Parts 108 and 114. These deviations cause these products to be adulterated within the meaning of Section 402(a)(4) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act).

Deviations include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Your black bean salsa formulation for the "Original Juan" label does not have a filed process with FDA [21 CFR 108.25(c)(2)].
2. Processing and production control records for black bean salsa and pickled habanero peppers lack critical information such as temperature checks and pH measurements [21 CFR 114.100(b)].
3. There has been no standardization/calibration of the pH meter during its use in 1998 [21 CFR 114.90(a)(4)].

In addition, the "Black Bean Original Juan Salsa" is misbranded within the meaning of Section 403(a) of the Act in that the label is false and misleading because the product contains whole kernal corn as an ingredient, yet corn is not listed in the ingredient statement.

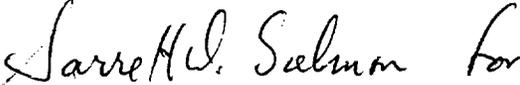
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You should know that these serious violations of the law may result in FDA taking regulatory action without further notice to you. These actions include, but are not limited to, seizure and/or obtaining a court injunction against further marketing of these acidified food products.

It is necessary for you to take action on this matter now. Please let this office know in writing within fifteen (15) working days from the date you received this letter what steps you are taking to correct the problem. We also ask that you explain how you plan to prevent this from happening again. Any corrective action taken should apply to all acidified products you manufacture. If you need more time, let us know why and when you expect to complete your correction.

Your reply should be sent to Clarence R. Pendleton, Compliance Officer, at the above address.

Sincerely,


W. Michael Rogers
District Director
Kansas City District