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WARNING LETTER

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Roy S. Remund, President
Remund Dairy, Inc.
260 East 600 North
Midway, UT 84049

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Ref. # DEN-99-04

Dear Mr. Remund:

An investigation at your dairy operation located in Midway, Utah, was conducted by Consumer Safety Officer Margaret M. Annes. The inspection confirmed that you offered an animal for sale for slaughter as food in violation of sections 402(a)(2)(C)(ii) and 402(a)(4) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the Act), and that you may have caused animal drugs to become adulterated within the meaning of section 501(a)(5) of the Act.

On July 27, 1998, you offered a Holstein cow, identified as USDA case number [redacted], for slaughter as human food to [redacted]. USDA analysis of kidney tissue samples collected from this animal identified the presence of penicillin residue of 4.20 ppm. A tolerance of 0.05 ppm has been established for residues of penicillin in the edible tissues of beef cows in Title 21 Code of Federal Regulations Part 556.510 (21 CFR 556.510) at the time the analysis was conducted.

Our investigation revealed the use of [redacted] (sterile Penicillin G Procaine) Aqueous Suspension. The presence of this drug at the level found in edible tissue from this animal causes the food to be adulterated within the meaning of section 402(a)(2)(C)(ii) of the Act.

Our investigation also found that you hold animals under conditions which are so inadequate that diseased and/or medicated animals bearing potentially harmful drug residues may enter the food supply. For example, you lack an adequate system for assuring that animals medicated by you have been withheld from slaughter for appropriate periods of time to permit depletion of potentially hazardous residues of drugs from edible tissues. Food from animals held under such conditions are adulterated within the meaning of section 402(a)(4) of the Act.

You are adulterating the drug [redacted] brand of Penicillin G Procaine that your firm uses on beef cows within the meaning of section 501(a)(5) of the Act when you fail to use the drug in conformance with its approved labeling. [redacted] is labeled to discontinue use 4 days before slaughter to permit elimination of the drug from edible tissues. Your use of the drug without following the labeled withdrawal period causes the drug to be unsafe to use.

The above is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of violations. As a producer of animals offered for use as food, you are responsible for assuring that your overall operation and the foods you distribute are in compliance with the law.

You should take prompt action to correct the above violations and to establish procedures whereby such violations do not recur. Failure to do so may result in regulatory action without further notice such as seizure, and/or injunction.

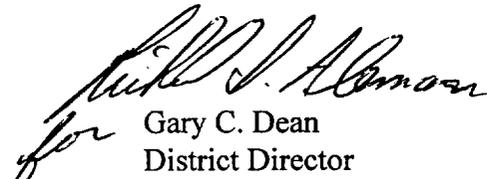
It is not necessary for you to personally ship an adulterated animal in interstate commerce to be responsible for a violation of the Act. The fact that you caused the adulteration of an animal that was sold and subsequently offered for sale to a slaughterhouse that ships in interstate commerce is sufficient to hold you responsible for a violation of the Act.

You should notify this office in writing within 15 working days of the steps you have taken to bring your firm into compliance with the law. Your response should include each step being taken, that has been taken, or will be taken to correct the violations and prevent their recurrence. If corrective action cannot be completed within 30 working days, state the reason for the delay and the time frame within which the corrections will be completed. Please include copies of any available documentation demonstrating that corrections have been made.

Your response should be sent to H. Tom Warwick, Compliance Officer, Food and Drug Administration, P.O. Box 25087, Denver, Colorado, 80225-0087. He may be reached at (303) 236-3054 if you have any questions about this matter.

Sincerely,

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for 
Gary C. Dean
District Director

cc:

