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WARNING LETTER

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. Rosemary Crompton, Station Manager
Air Tran
Dulles International Airport
P.O. Box 20264
Washington, DC 20041

Dear Ms. Crompton:

On February 25, 2000, a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) inspection was conducted at Air Tran, Dulles International Airport, Washington, DC. At the conclusion of the inspection, Form FDA-483 (Inspectional Observations), listing three deficiencies, was issued to Torrie W. Hardy, Station Supervisor, by Interstate Travel Program Specialist Bruce E. Kummer. A copy of the FDA-483 is enclosed.

The inspection revealed serious deficiencies from the Interstate Conveyance Sanitation regulations, Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (21 CFR 1250). These deficiencies were listed on the FDA-483 as follows:

- (1) The dump valve on the bottom of lavatory service cart # LV-21 was leaking sanitizer/sewage on the ground.
- (2) (An) area of ground approximately 4 feet by 6 feet had an accumulation of sanitizer or sewage on it.
- (3) No dummy fitting for the lavatory dump hose (on lavatory service cart # LV-421).

As a result of these deficiencies, this facility has been classified as "Provisional." Another inspection will be conducted on or about March 27, 2000 to determine if these deficiencies have been adequately corrected. If acceptable corrections have been made, the facility will be returned to an "Approved" classification. If corrections are unacceptable, a "Not Approved" classification will be assigned. Airlines are prohibited from obtaining aircraft lavatory or watering services from companies that have been classified as "Not Approved" as per 21 CFR Section 1250.60, which states: "Land and air conveyances engaged in interstate traffic shall use only such servicing areas within the United States as have been approved by the Commissioner of Food and Drugs as being in compliance with the requirements prescribed in this subpart."

21 CFR 1250, Subpart D, provides for adequate drainage, watering equipment, employee conveniences, disposal of human wastes, and garbage disposal in servicing areas, so as to prevent the spread of communicable diseases.

21 CFR 1250.75(a), Disposal of Human Wastes, states: "At servicing areas and at stations where land and air conveyances are occupied by passengers, the operations shall be so conducted as to avoid contamination of such areas and stations by human wastes."

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Please advise this office in writing, within 15 working days of receipt of this letter, of actions taken to correct the deficiencies and to assure that such violations will not recur.

Your response should be directed to Rosalie Bucey, Compliance Officer, Food and Drug Administration, 900 Madison Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21201. Ms. Bucey can be reached at 410-962-3591, Extension 143.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Bowers', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lee Bowers
District Director

Enclosure