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11/17/99	41JB 3885	Cross or Charolais Steer	Tilmicosin	
			Kidney	2.3 ppm
			Liver	1.4 ppm
			Muscle	0.63 ppm
			Sulfamethazine	
			Liver	0.88 ppm
			Muscle	0.60 ppm
			Gentamicin	
			Kidney	2.2 ppm
12/24/99	41JA 9956	Angus Steer	Sulfamethazine	
			Liver	0.24 ppm
			Muscle	0.13 ppm
			Gentamicin	
			Kidney	1.8 ppm
02/08/00	35ZY 0872	Angus Steer	Gentamicin	
			Kidney	6.7 ppm
			Liver	1.9 ppm

The following tolerances, published in Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (21 CFR), have been established:

Drug	Reference	Tolerance
Tilmicosin	21 CFR 556.735(b)	A tolerance is established for residues of parent tilmicosin (marker residue) in liver (target tissue) at 1.2 parts per million (ppm).
Sulfamethazine	21 CFR 556.670	A tolerance of 0.1 part per million is established for negligible residues of sulfamethazine in the uncooked edible tissues of chickens, turkeys, cattle, and swine.
Gentamicin		No tolerance established.

The presence of these drugs in edible tissue from these animals causes the food to be adulterated.

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The above is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of violations. As a dealer in animals offered for use as food, you are responsible for ensuring 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.

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, which have already been taken, or which will be taken to correct the violations and prevent their recurrence. If corrective action cannot be completed within 15 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 reply should be directed to Compliance Officer Robert P. Snell at the address indicated on our letterhead.

Sincerely,


James A. Rahto
Director
Minneapolis District

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