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November 22, 2000

WARNING LETTER

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Edwin A. Salomonsky, President
Saunders Provision Co., Inc.
1107 East Princess Anne Road
Norfolk, Virginia 23504

Dear Mr. Salomonsky:

During a Food and Drug Administration inspection of your food storage warehouse located at 1107 East Princess Anne Road, Norfolk, Virginia, conducted November 13, 2000, our investigator observed significant insanitary conditions. At the conclusion of the inspection, a Form FDA-483, Inspectional Observations, was issued to Mr. Morris J. Salomonsky, Secretary/Treasurer, which delineated a number of insanitary conditions present in your facility. These conditions cause food products stored in your facility to be adulterated within the meaning of Section 402(a)(4) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (the Act). The following is a list of the insanitary conditions observed during the inspection:

1. One dead mouse next to the small roll-up door leading into the dry food storage area.
2. Approximately 25 rodent excreta pellets behind six cases of canned lima beans. Two of the cases showed signs of rodent damage.
3. Approximately 20 rodent excreta pellets on a pallet behind two cases of pancake mix.
4. Three rodent excreta pellets on top of 44 cases of canned bamboo shoots.
5. Old equipment and supplies stored next to food articles in such a manner as to inhibit proper maintenance of the warehouse and sanitary operations.

This is not the first time that food products have been found stored in your facility under insanitary conditions. The FDA inspection of your facility on February 9, 2000 disclosed similar insanitary conditions and rodent activity.

This letter is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of deficiencies at your facility. It is your responsibility to ensure adherence to each requirement of the Act and regulations.

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You must 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 and to prevent their recurrence. If corrective action cannot be completed within 15 days, state the reason for the delay and the time within which the corrections will be completed.

Your reply should be sent to the Food and Drug Administration, Richmond Resident Post, at 10710 Midlothian Turnpike, Suite 424, Richmond, VA 23235, to the attention of Scott J. MacIntire, Compliance Officer. Mr. MacIntire may be reached at 804-379-1627, extension 14.

Sincerely,

Monica Brown-Raid

for

Lee Bowers
Director, Baltimore District

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