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WARNING LETTER**CERTIFIED MAIL**
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. W. Matthew Broadwater, General Manager
Continental Airlines
Baltimore-Washington International Airport
Baltimore, Maryland 21240

Dear Mr. Broadwater:

On February 5, 2001, a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) inspection was conducted at Continental Airlines, Baltimore-Washington International Airport, Baltimore, Maryland. The inspection revealed serious deviations from the Interstate Conveyance Sanitation regulations, Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1250 (21 CFR 1250).

At the conclusion of the inspection, Form FDA 483 (Inspectional Observations) was issued by Interstate Travel Program Specialist Bruce E. Kummer. A copy of the Form FDA 483 is enclosed. The deficiencies were as follows:

- (1) The lavatory service truck was leaking through its dump valve.
- (2) The floor in the truck garage was heavily stained with sanitizer fluid.
- (3) There was no thermometer in the refrigerator that contained milk for flights.

As a result of these deficiencies, this facility has been classified as "Provisional". Another inspection will be conducted on or about March 12, 2001 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 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, requires adequate drainage, watering equipment, employee conveniences, disposal of human wastes and garbage disposal in servicing areas so as to prevent the spread of

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communicable diseases. Further, operations at servicing areas and stations where passengers occupy land and air conveyances must be conducted so as to avoid contamination by human waste.

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 Ms. Rosalie Bucey, Compliance Officer, Food and Drug Administration, 900 Madison Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21201-2199. Ms. Bucey may be reached at (410) 962-3590, extension 143.

Sincerely,



Lee Bowers
Director, Baltimore District

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Jeffrey S. Andrews
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