UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

OFFICIAL WARNING VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

CASE NUMBER:

VIOLATOR:

Ronald Keener

Customer #: 27242 Certificate #: 74-T-0050

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, ZIP Code):

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about <u>December 3, 2009, December 4, 2009, December 5, 2009, December 6, 2009 December 7, 2009, December 8, 2009, you or your organization committed the following violation(s) of Federal Regulations 9 CFR, Section:</u>

- 2.131 (b)(1) Handling of Animals....failure to handle all animals as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort
- 3.14(a) Primary Enclosures Transport.... failure to contain animals in transit in a primary enclosure such as a compartment, transport cage, carton, or crate
- 3.15(e) Primary Enclosures Transport....repeated failure to use auxiliary ventilation during surface transportation and to ensure that the ambient temperature is maintained in accordance with regulations

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) created federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the violation(s) described above. Any further violation of these federal regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions. If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.

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