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Dear Establishment Owner:

With recent changes to Vermont law related to universal recycling and the rendering of food waste, the Meat Inspection Section of the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets will no longer issue to official establishments Inedible Certificates authorizing the method of removal of condemned and inedible meat and poultry products from their premises.

As you know, upon removal from your establishment, Vermont's meat inspection law, 6 V.S.A. § 3310(b), requires inedible material to be properly identified, slashed and denatured or de-characterized to preclude its use for human food purposes. If you are not sending the product with/to a licensed renderer, it is your responsibility to ensure inedible or condemned product is properly disposed of in accordance with state and local law.

Depending on the method of disposition that you choose, you may be required to obtain a permit or other authorization from the state and/or your municipality. To learn about what authorizations are required and to learn more about the requirements of on or off-site composting, incineration, the feeding of wild animals, and the universal recycling law for food scraps, contact your local Solid Waste District, town, and the State of Vermont Environmental Assistance Office Hotline.



You can also visit www.vtrecycles.com for more organics recycling information.

The Agency recommends that you keep any documentation you receive that authorizes your chosen method of removal.

For your convenience, a list of licensed renderers as of the date of this letter is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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