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VIA FEDEX / ELECTRONIC MAIL

Beth Din of Crown Heights
Attn: Rabbi Yosef Kirszenberg
523 Brooklyn Avenue
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Re: Agri Star Meat and Poultry LLC

Rabbi Kirszenberg:

I write on behalf of Agri Star Meat and Poultry LLC referencing the March 6, 2024 letter stating that you are removing the CHK supervision from the plant.

As you are well-aware for close to 20 years Agri Star has been processing and packaging products certified by CHK. Further, Agri Star has and continues to maintain the highest level of Kashrus. Rabbi M. Weissmandl, Rav of Nitra, a foremost expert and authority on Kosher meat and poultry, the Union of Orthodox Congregations – the O-U; COR; Satmar/Monroe, all have and continue to supervise the plant and certify all products as being Glatt Kosher to the highest level and standard.

Notably, at your direction, Agri Star has implemented certain requests made by CHK over the past year. While these requests have never been made by CHK in the 20 years prior, Agri Star, along with the Kashrus Supervision acquiesced to the requests.

Relying on CHK's continued cooperation with Agri Star, Agri Star invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in marketing, packaging and processing the Shor Habor brand containing CHK certification. At no time prior to the March 6, 2024 letter stating that CHK was removing its certification did CHK ever discuss such action. In fact, quite the contrary, Agri Star was committed to growing the Shor Habor brand with the express understanding and commitment made by the CHK.

As such, it is clear that your actions were to intentionally damage my client's reputation as well as damage my client economically, especially given the recent considerable investment by Agri Star to the Shor Habor brand.



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While my client does not want to seek Court intervention, it will do so if this issue is not corrected.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Avery S. Mehlman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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