

U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration
5807 Breckenridge Pkwy
Suite A
Tampa, FL 33610



10/18/2023

Kissimmee Meat & Produce, Inc.
and its successors
1528 West Vine Street
Kissimmee, FL 34741

Dear Employer:

Enclosed you will find citations for violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the Act) which may have accompanying proposed penalties. Also enclosed is a booklet entitled, "Employer Rights and Responsibilities Following an OSHA Inspection", (OSHA 3000-04R) revised 2018, which explains your rights and responsibilities under the Act. If you have any questions about the enclosed citations and penalties, I would welcome further discussions in person or by telephone. Please contact me at (813) 626-1177.

You will note on page 6 of the booklet that, for violations which you do not contest, you must (1) notify this office promptly by letter that you have taken appropriate corrective action within the time set forth on the citation; and (2) pay any penalties assessed. Please inform me of the abatement steps you have taken and of their dates together with adequate supporting documentation; e.g., drawings or photographs of corrected conditions, purchase/work orders related to abatement actions, air sampling results. This information will allow us to close the case.

As indicated on page 3 of the booklet, you may request an informal conference with me during the 15-working-day notice of contest period. During such an informal conference you may present any evidence or views which you believe would support an adjustment to the citation or the penalty.

If you are considering a request for an informal conference to discuss any issues related to this Citation and Notification of Penalty, you must take care to schedule it early enough to allow time to contest after the informal conference, should you decide to do so. Please keep in mind that a written letter of intent to contest must be submitted to the Area Director within 15 working days of your receipt of the citation. The running of this contest period is not interrupted by an informal conference.

If you decide to request an informal conference, please complete the attached notice at the bottom of this letter and post it next to the Citations as soon as the time, date and the place of the informal conference have been determined. Be sure to bring to the conference with you any and all supporting documentation of existing conditions as well as of any abatement steps taken thus far. If conditions warrant, we can enter into an informal settlement agreement which amicably resolves this matter without litigation or contest.

You should be aware that OSHA publishes information on its inspection and citation activity on the Internet under the provisions of Electronic Freedom of Information Act. The information related to these alleged violations will be posted when our system indicates that you have received this citation. You are encouraged to review the information concerning your establishment at www.osha.gov. If you have any dispute with the accuracy of the information displayed, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Danelle Jindra
Area Director

Enclosures

U.S. Department of Labor

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

To:
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Inspection Date(s): 05/01/2023 - 09/06/2023
Issuance Date: 10/18/2023

Inspection Site:
1528 West Vine Street
Kissimmee, FL 34741

The violation(s) described in this Citation and Notification of Penalty is (are) alleged to have occurred on or about the day(s) the inspection was made unless otherwise indicated within the description given below.

This Citation and Notification of Penalty (this Citation) describes violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. The penalty(ies) listed herein is (are) based on these violations. You must abate the violations referred to in this Citation by the dates listed and pay the penalties proposed, unless within 15 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays) from your receipt of this Citation and Notification of Penalty **you either call to schedule an informal conference (see paragraph below) or** you mail a notice of contest to the U.S. Department of Labor Area Office at the address shown above. Please refer to the enclosed booklet (OSHA 3000) which outlines your rights and responsibilities and which should be read in conjunction with this form. Issuance of this Citation does not constitute a finding that a violation of the Act has occurred unless there is a failure to contest as provided for in the Act or, if contested, unless this Citation is affirmed by the Review Commission or a court.

Posting - The law requires that a copy of this Citation and Notification of Penalty be posted immediately in a prominent place at or near the location of the violation(s) cited herein, or, if it is not practicable because of the nature of the employer's operations, where it will be readily observable by all affected employees. This Citation must remain posted until the violation(s) cited herein has (have) been abated, or for 3 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays), whichever is longer.

Informal Conference - An informal conference is not required. However, if you wish to have such a conference you may request one with the Area Director during the 15 working day contest period by calling (813) 626-1177. During such an informal conference, you may present any evidence or views which you believe would support an adjustment to the citation(s) and/or penalty(ies).

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If you decide to request an informal conference, please complete, remove and post the Notice to Employees next to this Citation and Notification of Penalty as soon as the time, date, and place of the informal conference have been determined. Be sure to bring to the conference any and all supporting documentation of existing conditions as well as any abatement steps taken thus far. If conditions warrant, we can enter into an informal settlement agreement which amicably resolves this matter without litigation or contest.

Right to Contest – You have the right to contest this Citation and Notification of Penalty. You may contest all citation items or only individual items. You may also contest proposed penalties and/or abatement dates without contesting the underlying violations. **Unless you inform the Area Director in writing that you intend to contest the citation(s) and/or proposed penalty(ies) within 15 working days after receipt, the citation(s) and the proposed penalty(ies) will become a final order of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission and may not be reviewed by any court or agency.**

Penalty Payment – Penalties are due within 15 working days of receipt of this notification unless contested. (See the enclosed booklet and the additional information provided related to the Debt Collection Act of 1982.) Make your check or money order payable to “DOL-OSHA”. Please indicate the Inspection Number on the remittance. You can also make your payment electronically at www.pay.gov. At the top of the pay.gov homepage, type "OSHA" in the Search field and select Search. From **OSHA Penalty Payment Form** search result, select Continue. The direct link is:

<https://www.pay.gov/paygov/forms/formInstance.html?agencyFormId=53090334>

You will be required to enter your inspection number when making the payment. Payments can be made by credit card or Automated Clearing House (ACH) using your banking information. Payments of \$25,000 or more require a Transaction ID, and also must be paid using ACH. If you require a Transaction ID, please contact the OSHA Debt Collection Team at (202) 693-2170.

OSHA does not agree to any restrictions or conditions or endorsements put on any check, money order, or electronic payment for less than the full amount due, and will process the payments as if these restrictions or conditions do not exist.

Notification of Corrective Action – For each violation which you do not contest, you must provide **abatement certification** to the Area Director of the OSHA office issuing the citation and identified above. This abatement certification is to be provided by letter within 10 calendar days after each abatement date. Abatement certification includes the date and method of abatement. If the citation indicates that the violation was corrected during the inspection, no abatement certification is required for that item. The abatement certification letter must be posted at the location where the violation appeared and the corrective action took place or employees must otherwise be effectively informed about abatement activities. A sample abatement certification letter is enclosed with this Citation. In addition, where the citation indicates that **abatement documentation** is necessary, evidence of the purchase or repair of equipment, photographs or video, receipts, training records, etc., verifying that abatement has occurred is required to be provided to the Area Director.

Employer Discrimination Unlawful – The law prohibits discrimination by an employer against an employee for filing a complaint or for exercising any rights under this Act. An employee who believes that

he/she has been discriminated against may file a complaint no later than 30 days after the discrimination occurred with the U.S. Department of Labor Area Office at the address shown above.

Employer Rights and Responsibilities – The enclosed booklet (OSHA 3000) outlines additional employer rights and responsibilities and should be read in conjunction with this notification.

Notice to Employees – The law gives an employee or his/her representative the opportunity to object to any abatement date set for a violation if he/she believes the date to be unreasonable. The contest must be mailed to the U.S. Department of Labor Area Office at the address shown above and postmarked within 15 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays) of the receipt by the employer of this Citation and Notification of Penalty.

Inspection Activity Data – You should be aware that OSHA publishes information on its inspection and citation activity on the Internet under the provisions of the Electronic Freedom of Information Act. The information related to these alleged violations will be posted when our system indicates that you have received this citation. You are encouraged to review the information concerning your establishment at www.osha.gov. If you have any dispute with the accuracy of the information displayed, please contact this office.



NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

An informal conference has been scheduled with OSHA to discuss the citation(s) issued on 10/18/2023. The conference will be held by telephone or at the OSHA office located at 5807 Breckenridge Pkwy, Suite A, Tampa, FL 33610 on _____ at _____.

Employees and/or representatives of employees have a right to attend an informal conference.

CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKSHEET

Inspection Number: 1666899

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Issuance Date: 10/18/2023

List the specific method of correction for each item on this citation in this package that does not read "Corrected During Inspection" and return to: **U.S. Department of Labor – Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 5807 Breckenridge Pkwy, Suite A, Tampa, FL 33610.**

Citation Number _____ and Item Number _____ was corrected on _____
By (Method of Abatement): _____

Citation Number _____ and Item Number _____ was corrected on _____
By (Method of Abatement): _____

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By (Method of Abatement): _____

Citation Number _____ and Item Number _____ was corrected on _____
By (Method of Abatement): _____

I certify that the information contained in this document is accurate and that the affected employees and their representatives have been informed of the abatement.

Signature

Date

Typed or Printed Name

Title

NOTE: 29 USC 666(g) whoever knowingly makes any false statements, representation or certification in any application, record, plan or other documents filed or required to be maintained pursuant to the Act shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment of not more than 6 months or both.

POSTING: A copy of completed Corrective Action Worksheet should be posted for employee review.

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Citation 1 Item 1 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.23(b)(8): The employer did not ensure that ladders are used only for the purposes for which they were designed.

a. at 1528 West Vine Street Kissimmee, Florida: On or about May 2, 2023, and at times prior, employees were utilizing multi-position ladders that were modified to hook on the rack system, exposing employees to fall hazards.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	December 06, 2023
Proposed Penalty:	\$10,938.00

See pages 1 through 4 of this Citation and Notification of Penalty for information on employer and employee rights and responsibilities.

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Citation 1 Item 2 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.23(b)(9): The employer did not ensure that ladders are inspected before initial use in each work shift, and more frequently as necessary, to identify any visible defects that could cause employee injury.

a. at 1528 West Vine Street Kissimmee, Florida: On or about May 2, 2023, ladders such as step, multi-position, and rolling ladders, used by employees to retrieve merchandise from rack systems were not inspected, to identify damage and or modifications that could cause employee injuries, such as those caused by falls.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

December 06, 2023
\$10,938.00

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Citation 1 Item 3 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.23(e)(1)(vii): The employer did not ensure that mobile ladder stands and platforms that have wheels or casters are equipped with a system to impede horizontal movement when an employee is on the stand or platform;

a. Grocery Warehouse: On or about May 2, 2023, and at times prior, employees were exposed to a 9-ft fall hazard, in that, the 11-step rolling ladder locking base mechanism was not operational.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

December 06, 2023
\$15,625.00

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Company Name: Kissimmee Meat & Produce, Inc.
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Citation 1 Item 4 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.28(b)(1)(i): Except as provided elsewhere in this section 29 CFR 1910.28, the employer did not ensure that each employee on a walking-working surface with an unprotected side or edge that is 4 feet (1.2 m) or more above a lower level is protected from falling by one or more of the systems described in 29 CFR 1910.28(b)(1)(i):

- a. Grocery Warehouse: On or about May 2, 2023, and at times prior, employees were exposed to fall hazards of 6-foot and 12-foot while retrieving and storing merchandise from the second and third level of the rack system, without the use of a fall protection system.
- b. Vegetable Department / Warehouse Grocery: On or about May 2, 2023, and at times prior, employees were exposed to fall hazard of 7-foot fall hazards while retrieving and storing merchandise from the vegetable cutting department roof, without the use of a fall protection system..

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

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Proposed Penalty:	\$10,938.00

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Citation 1 Item 5 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.30(b)(1): The employer did not train each employee on or before May 17, 2017 in the proper care, inspection, storage, and use of equipment covered by this subpart before an employee uses the equipment.

a. at 1528 West Vine Street Kissimmee, Florida: On or about May 2, 2023, employees using ladders such as step, multi-position, and rolling for work activities such as retrieving merchandise from racking systems were not trained, exposing them to fall hazards.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	December 06, 2023
Proposed Penalty:	\$7,813.00

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Citation 1 Item 6 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.37(a)(3): Exit route(s) were not kept free and unobstructed:

- a. Grocery Warehouse: On or about May 2, 2023, and at times prior, the emergency exit and exit access were obstructed by carts with product, ladders, equipment, rack system and palletized product, restricting employee movement thru the exit access and preventing prompt access to the exit.
- b. Grocery Store: On or about May 2, 2023, the emergency exit and exit access were obstructed by a beer display, restricting employee movement thru the exit access, and preventing prompt access to the exit.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

December 06, 2023
\$6,250.00

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Citation 1 Item 7 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.157(c)(1): Portable fire extinguishers were not mounted, located and identified so that they were readily accessible without subjecting the employees to injuries:

- a. Dry weighing department: On or about May 2, 2023, employees were exposed to smoke, fire, and entrapment hazards, in that the portable fire extinguisher location was not identified.
- b. Store/cashier area: On or about May 2, 2023, employees were exposed to smoke, fire, and entrapment hazards, in that the portable fire extinguisher location was not identified.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

Corrected During Inspection
\$6,250.00

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Citation 1 Item 8 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.176(b): Material stored in tiers was not stacked, blocked, interlocked or limited in height so that it was stable and secure against sliding and collapse:

a. Grocery Warehouse: On or about May 2, 2023, and at times prior, the employer did not ensure that boxes of merchandise were stacked and secured in a manner that would prevent against sliding and collapse.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

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\$6,250.00

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Citation 1 Item 9 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.178(l)(1)(i): The employer did not ensure that each powered industrial truck operator is competent to operate a powered industrial truck safely, as demonstrated by the successful completion of the training and evaluation specified in this paragraph (l):

a. at 1528 West Vine Street Kissimmee, Florida: On or about May 2, 2023, the employer failed to provide powered industrial vehicle training and certification for employees who drive forklifts.

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Citation 1 Item 10 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.303(g)(1)(ii): The required working space about electric equipment rated 600 volts, nominal, or less to ground, was used for storage:

a. Grocery Warehouse: On or about May 5, 2023, palletized material was stored in the working space of the panel K main breaker panels.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

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\$6,250.00

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The alleged violations below have been grouped because they involve similar or related hazards that may increase the potential for injury or illness.

Citation 1 Item 11 a Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.305(g)(1)(iv)(A): Flexible cords and/or cables were used as a substitute for the fixed wiring of a structure:

- a. At the vegetable cutting department: On or about May 2, 2023, a relocatable power tap was used as a substitute for the fixed wiring of scale printer, wrapping machine and lighting fixtures.
- b. At the dry product weighing department: On or about May 2, 2023, a relocatable power tap and flexible extension cords were used as a substitute for the fixed wiring of sealing machine, scale printer and light fixtures.

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Proposed Penalty:

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Citation 1 Item 11 b Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.305(g)(2)(iii): Flexible cords were not connected to devices and fittings so that tension would not be transmitted to joints or terminal screws:

a. At the vegetable cutting department: On or about May 2, 2023, the power flexible cord used to energize the automatic wrapping system, was separated from the strain relief.

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December 06, 2023
\$0.00

Danelle Jindra
Area Director

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INVOICE / DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE

Company Name: Kissimmee Meat & Produce, Inc.
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Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number: 1666899

Citation 1 Item 1, Serious	\$10,938.00
Citation 1 Item 2, Serious	\$10,938.00
Citation 1 Item 3, Serious	\$15,625.00
Citation 1 Item 4, Serious	\$10,938.00
Citation 1 Item 5, Serious	\$7,813.00
Citation 1 Item 6, Serious	\$6,250.00
Citation 1 Item 7, Serious	\$6,250.00
Citation 1 Item 8, Serious	\$6,250.00
Citation 1 Item 9, Serious	\$7,813.00
Citation 1 Item 10, Serious	\$6,250.00
Citation 1 Item 11a, Serious	\$6,250.00
Citation 1 Item 11b, Serious	\$0.00

TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTIES: **\$95,315.00**

To avoid additional charges, please remit payment promptly to this Area Office for the total amount of the uncontested penalties summarized above. Make your check or money order payable to: "DOL-OSHA". Please indicate OSHA's Inspection Number (indicated above) on the remittance. You can also make your payment electronically at www.pay.gov. At the top of the pay.gov homepage, type "OSHA" in the Search field and select Search. From the **OSHA Penalty Payment Form** search result, select Continue. The direct link is: <https://www.pay.gov/paygov/forms/formInstance.html?agencyFormId=53090334>. You will be required to enter your inspection number when making the payment. Payments can be made by credit card or Automated Clearing House (ACH) using your banking information. Payments of \$25,000 or more require a Transaction ID, and also must be paid using ACH. If you require a Transaction ID, please contact the OSHA Debt Collection Team at (202) 693-2170.

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If a personal check is issued, it will be converted into an electronic fund transfer (EFT). This means that our bank will copy your check and use the account information on it to electronically debit your account for the amount of the check. The debit from your account will then usually occur within 24 hours and will be shown on your regular account statement. You will not receive your original check back. The bank will destroy your original check, but will keep a copy of it. If the EFT cannot be completed because of insufficient funds or closed account, the bank will attempt to make the transfer up to two times.

Pursuant to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 (Public Law 97-365) and regulations of the U.S. Department of Labor (29 CFR Part 20), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is required to assess interest, delinquent charges, and administrative costs for the collection of delinquent penalty debts for violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

Interest: Interest charges will be assessed at an annual rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury on all penalty debt amounts not paid within one month (30 calendar days) of the date on which the debt amount becomes due and payable (penalty due date). The current interest rate is one percent (1%). Interest will accrue from the date on which the penalty amounts (as proposed or adjusted) become a final order of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission (that is, 15 working days from your receipt of the Citation and Notification of Penalty), unless you file a notice of contest. Interest charges will be waived if the full amount owed is paid within 30 calendar days of the final order.

Delinquent Charges: A debt is considered delinquent if it has not been paid within one month (30 calendar days) of the penalty due date or if a satisfactory payment arrangement has not been made. If the debt remains delinquent for more than 90 calendar days, a delinquent charge of six percent (6%) per annum will be assessed accruing from the date that the debt became delinquent.

Administrative Costs: Agencies of the Department of Labor are required to assess additional charges for the recovery of delinquent debts. These additional charges are administrative costs incurred by the Agency in its attempt to collect an unpaid debt. Administrative costs will be assessed for demand letters sent in an attempt to collect the unpaid debt.

Danelle Jindra
Area Director

Date