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ESSENTIAL CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE NOTICE
 Transportation of Individuals & Goods

The United States Department of Homeland Security’s Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) designates the food and agriculture sector as a critical infrastructure sector whose assets, systems, and networks are considered so vital that their incapacitation or destruction would have a debilitating effect on security, national economic security, national public health, or safety.

The President’s Coronavirus Guidance published on March 16, 2020 (available at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/coronavirus-guidelines-america/>) allows for Critical Infrastructure Industries, such as the food and agriculture sector, to maintain normal work patterns during the global coronavirus outbreak. On March 19, 2020 the Department of Homeland Security identified the specific industries that comprise Critical Infrastructure Industries (available at <https://www.cisa.gov/publication/guidance-essential-critical-infrastructure-workforce>).

This document acknowledges that the below certifying company is an agricultural and/or food production business conducting operations in the State of North Dakota. Such operations within the scope of the above interpretation may include; the support or transport of necessary supplies, equipment or labor related to production of field crops or livestock, the production of feeds, or other supplies associated with livestock, the transportation, processing or manufacture of commodities for human food and/or the distribution of agricultural products to support continued food security, or any other operation that falls within the above sector that has been designated as critical infrastructure, the continued operation of which is vital for short- or long-term security, national economic security, national public health, and safety.

Accordingly, current guidance supports this transportation to proceed unimpeded to and from their destination in the interest of protecting the nation’s food supply chain. Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact the certifying company. Additional information about agriculture in North Dakota can be referred to the North Dakota Department of Agriculture at 701 328-2231.

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 North Dakota Agriculture Commissioner

Certifying Company

Company Representative Signature, Title and Phone Number