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FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

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TO: Bassam ~~(MNT)~~ ^{NMT} Abu Samrah, Owner/COO

FIRM NAME

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Gold Star Distribution Inc.

STREET ADDRESS

1000 Humboldt Ave N

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TYPE OF ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTED

Multi-commodity ambient warehouse

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DURING AN INSPECTION OF YOUR FIRM (I) (WE) OBSERVED:

The following observations pertain to human food products stored and distributed from your facility.

OBSERVATION 1

You did not exclude pests from your food plant to protect against contamination of food.

Specifically, your facility stores multiple food products under ambient conditions, including but not limited to bottled and canned beverages, pickles in a pouch, powder infant formula, candy, cereals, ramen, canned foods, beans, rice, food oils, baby food, plastic resealable storage bags, and snack food. These products are commingled throughout the facility with other commodity types including cosmetics, animal food, medical products, cleaning chemicals and automobile products.

During the inspection between 11/17/2025 – 12/18/2025, multiple walkthroughs of your facility were conducted. Your (b) (4) raised dock doors were observed to be open most of the day during the inspections on 11/17–19/2025. While in your facility, observations of pest activity within your facility included, but are not limited to, the following:

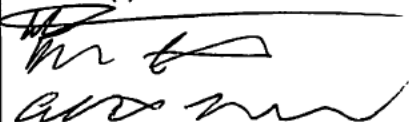
(b) (4) Warehouse

Apparent Rodent Evidence

☐ One apparent live rodent was observed in a pallet of Aahubara rice located on the (b) (4) level of racking above bay (b) (4) on 11/18/2025. A breakdown of this pallet also found apparent rodent excreta pellets (REPs) too

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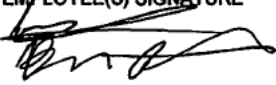
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numerous to count (TNTC) and apparent fluorescing urine stains throughout the pallet and in the pallet wrapping. Apparent gnaw holes and apparent nesting materials were observed on the bottom layer of this pallet (Sample 1313083)

- ☐ One apparent live rodent was observed running between the pallets of (b) (4) near pallets of (b) (4) (b) (4) beverages in Bay (b) (4) on 11/17/2025
- ☐ One apparent live rodent was observed running between (b) (4) on 11/18/2025
- ☐ One apparent live rodent was observed climbing the (b) (4) end of (b) (4) to the (b) (4) layer on 11/18/2025
- ☐ One apparent live rodent was observed running between the lanes of pallets of food products stored between (b) (4) on 11/24/2025
- ☐ One apparent live rodent was observed running in front of (b) (4) near the refuse area on 11/25/2025
- ☐ One apparent dead rodent was observed on a white glue board near the refuse area by dock door (b) (4) under (b) (4) on 11/17/2025
- ☐ One apparent dead rodent was observed in the (b) (4) corner in Bay (b) (4) on 11/17/2025 and 11/18/2025
- ☐ One apparent dead rodent was observed on a white glue board in the (b) (4) Room by a pallet of (b) (4) on 11/17/2025
- ☐ A decayed apparent rodent was observed by the catch all in the (b) (4) corner on 11/18/2025
- ☐ One apparent dead rodent was collected on a black glue board and shown to investigators by your contract pest control technician on 11/18/2025 in the (b) (4) Warehouse after it was thrown in the trash. The technician could not recall where it was collected from in the (b) (4) Warehouse.
- ☐ One apparent dead rodent was observed on a black glue board with green REPs was collected by your contract pest control technician on 11/24/2025 and shown to investigators
- ☐ One apparent dead rodent was observed on a white glue board on the (b) (4) end of (b) (4) on 11/25/2025
- ☐ An approximate 4" hole was observed at the floor-wall juncture next to the (b) (4) dock door on 11/18/2025. Your contracted pest control technician identified this as a gnawed hole created by "slab rats" to enter the facility from the sewer.
- ☐ Multiple apparent REPs were observed on a pallet of (b) (4) bags of Aahu Barah basmati rice bags located at the (b) (4) end of (b) (4) on 11/17/2025
- ☐ Apparent gnaw holes, apparent urine stains, an apparent REPs were observed on a pallet containing (b) (4) and (b) (4) bags of Aahu Barah Basmati Rice located on the (b) (4) level of the (b) (4) on 11/17/2025 (Sample 1313081)
- ☐ Apparent REP TNTC were observed by a pallet of bottles of (b) (4) located in Bay (b) (4) on 11/17/2025

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- ☐ Multiple apparent REPs were observed on boxes of Fiji Water located at Bay E8 on 11/17/2025
- ☐ Apparent REPs TNTC on a pallet of Sunkist Grape Soda located in Bay C7 on 11/17/2025
- ☐ Apparent REPs TNTC were observed on a pallet of bottled Canada Dry Pineapple between (b)(4) near Bay (b)(4) on 11/19/2025
- ☐ Three apparent REPs were observed in the center of a pallet of canned (b)(4) located in the floor storage between (b)(4) on 11/19/2025
- ☐ Approximately 13 apparent REPs were observed on a pallet of bottles of Jarritos Grapefruit beverage near Bay (b)(4) on 11/19/2025
- ☐ Apparent REPs TNTC were observed between pallets of Glacier Water and (b)(4) located in bay (b)(4) on 11/25/2025
- ☐ Apparent REPs TNTC were observed on a pallet of Calypso Tropical Mango Lemonade located on the (b)(4) end of the row of pallets directly next to (b)(4) on 11/25/2025

Apparent Bird Evidence

- ☐ Two apparent birds were observed flying through the section of the warehouse on the (b)(4) end of (b)(4) on 11/17/2025
- ☐ One apparent bird was observed by the refuse area near the (b)(4) dock doors on 11/24/2025
- ☐ Apparent bird excrement was observed on packages of bottled (b)(4) located in Bay (b)(4) on 11/17/2025
- ☐ Apparent bird excrement was observed on exposed bottles of Smart Water located in the center aisle between (b)(4) on 11/17/2025
- ☐ Apparent bird excrement was observed on a case of instant Honey Ginger Tea located in Bay (b)(4) on 11/25/2025

(b)(4) Warehouse

Apparent Rodent Evidence

- ☐ One apparent dead rodent was observed on a black glue board under a pallet of incense near the (b)(4) dock doors on 11/17/2025
- ☐ Three apparent dead rodent carcasses were observed in a garbage can near the (b)(4) hallway on 11/20/2025

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- ☐ An apparent dead rodent was observed on a black glue trap between a pallet of canned sardines and (b) (4) Candy on the floor level of the (b) (4) storage racks on 11/20/2025.
- ☐ A box of (b) (4) was observed with an apparent gnaw hole in the case on 11/24/2025. Three packages of product were observed to have been gnawed into and the product within consumed
- ☐ Approximately 13 apparent REPs were observed on a pallet of (b) (4) of various flavors, including (b) (4) flavor, in the (b) (4) area on 11/19/2025
- ☐ Approximately 5 apparent REPs were observed on the (b) (4) level storage shelf near boxes of (b) (4) on 11/19/2025
- ☐ Approximately 3 REPs were observed on the (b) (4) level storage shelf above storage bay (b) (4) by packages of Sour Licker Candy on 11/19/2025
- ☐ Two apparent REPs were observed on a pallet canned (b) (4) located on the floor of the (b) (4) racking on 11/20/2025
- ☐ Approximately three apparent REPs were observed spilled rice in a box of Mahatma 2lb rice on the (b) (4) level storage shelf of the (b) (4) racks on 11/20/2025
- ☐ Apparent REPs TNTC were observed on a mobile step ladder near the (b) (4) dock doors on 11/17/2025

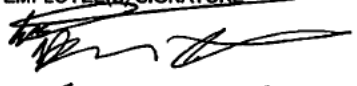
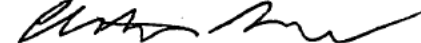
Apparent Bird Evidence

- ☐ One live bird was observed near the (b) (4) area on the (b) (4) side of the (b) (4) Room on 11/17/2025

(b) (4) and (b) (4)

Apparent Rodent Evidence

- ☐ One apparent live rodent was observed in a floor (b) (4) in the (b) (4) room under bin location (b) (4) on 11/17/2025
- ☐ One apparent dead rodent was observed on a white glue trap near boxes of Kix in the (b) (4) room near bin (b) (4) on 11/17/2025
- ☐ One dried, dead apparent rodent which appeared to have been crushed by a pallet (bent at 90°) was observed on the (b) (4) end of the (b) (4) Room near a pallet of Joan of Arc beans on 11/17/2025

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- ☐ One apparent rodent skeleton was observed by the (b)(4) wall racks behind (b)(4) by a pallet of (b)(4) (b)(4)
- ☐ Apparent gnaw holes were observed in packets of Maruchan Ramen Noodles located in the (b)(4) racks of (b)(4) on 11/24/2025
- ☐ Apparent REPs TNTC were observed on boxes of Mela Watermelon Water with Passionfruit on the floor storage in the (b)(4) room on 11/17/2025
- ☐ Apparent REPs TNTC were observed between pallets of Honey Ginger Tea, Tamarind Drink, and Motor Oil on the floor storage in the (b)(4) room on 11/17/2025

Apparent Bird Evidence

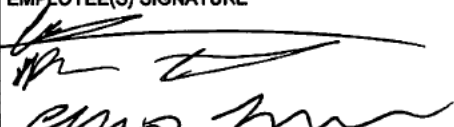
- ☐ Four live apparent birds were observed in the (b)(4) room; one near the (b)(4) entrance to the (b)(4) (b)(4) room by the Electrical Room and three in the (b)(4) corner on boxes of bottled Honey Ginger Tea
- ☐ One apparent dead bird was observed on a black glue trap located in a garbage can on the (b)(4) side of the (b)(4) Warehouse on 11/19/2025

(b)(4) Room/Storage and (b)(4)

- ☐ One apparent live rodent was observed on a black glue board near a pallet of Custard Powder along the (b)(4) wall of the Storage/Pet Food room on 11/19/2025
- ☐ One apparent live rodent was observed on a white glue board at the bottom of the (b)(4) stairs between the (b)(4) and (b)(4) rooms on 11/19/2025
- ☐ Apparent gnaw holes, REPs, and gnawed product were observed in cases of Pringles in the (b)(4) corner of the (b)(4) Room on 11/20/2025
- ☐ Six apparent, green REPs were observed near the top of the (b)(4) stairs in the (b)(4) of the facility on 11/19/2025

(b)(4) Room

Apparent Rodent Evidence

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☐ Two apparent gnaw holes were observed in a bag of (b) (4) located on the front display of the (b) (4) room opposite the front window on 11/24/2025 ☐ An apparent gnaw hole was observed in a bag of Aahu Barah Basmati Rice on the front display of the (b) (4) room opposite the front window on 11/24/2025 ☐ Approximately 24 apparent REPs were observed under a bag of Aahu Barah Basmati Rice on the (b) (4) of the (b) (4) room opposite the front window on 11/24/2025 ☐ Apparent REPs TNTC were observed under multiple display shelves in the display room which held multiple products including but not limited to, dietary supplements, beverages, hair glue, cereals, over the counter medications, and medical devices on 11/25/2025.			
Apparent Insect Evidence			
☐ Five apparent live worms were observed in your (b) (4) Room by your Grocery Item Display Case and Smoking Accessories Display Shelves on 11/25/2025. Two of these apparent worms were observed with apparent webbing material on a bag of Crystal Sugar on the Grocery Item Display Case.			
This is a repeat observation from the previous inspection(s) conducted on 3/26/2025 (non-written observation), 6/20/2024 (non-written observation), 10/18/2023 (written observation), 03/02/2021 (written observation), 4/14/2019 (written observation), and 7/20/2018 (written observation).			
OBSERVATION 2			
You did not maintain your plant in a clean and sanitary condition and in adequate repair.			
Specifically, your facility stores multiple food products under ambient conditions, including but not limited to bottled and canned beverages, pickles in a pouch, powder infant formula, candy, cereals, ramen, pet food, canned foods, beans, rice, food oils, baby food, plastic resealable storage bags, and snack food.			
During the inspection between 11/17/2025 – 12/18/2025, multiple walkthroughs of your facility were conducted.			
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While in your facility, the following observations were made regarding facility conditions:

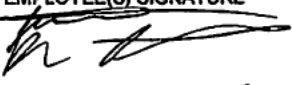
- ☐ Your firm maintains a Refuse area on the (b) (4) end of (b) (4) near dock doors (b) (4). This area was observed to have leaking containers which were pooling on the floor. You stated that trash pickup is conducted twice a week; however, your sanitation company will only empty the dumpster. The dumpster is not large enough to hold the amount of refused product accumulated by the firm. This area is located directly next to the staging area for outgoing shipments.
- ☐ Significant gaps (over 0.5") were observed around the dock door in the (b) (4) Warehouse on 11/17/2025 and the (b) (4) side of the (b) (4) Warehouse by the Generator Room on 11/19/2025. Your firm conducted corrections on your dock doors; however, the dock door in the (b) (4) Warehouse was observed to not have been fixed on 12/3/2025.
- ☐ On 11/19/2025, the drop ceiling of the (b) (4) above a pallet of (b) (4) was observed to be water damaged and collapsing.
- ☐ Significant holes were observed in the (b) (4) wall of the (b) (4) room in the hallway outside the (b) (4) (b) (4) on 11/19/2025.
- ☐ Floor (b) (4) throughout the facility were observed contain significant debris, dirt build up, and large pieces of cardboard.
- ☐ On 12/18/2025, two ceiling leaks were observed along your back wall behind the (b) (4) room which were dripping onto stored products and pooling on the floor.

This is a repeat observation from the previous inspection(s) conducted on 3/26/2025 (non-written observation), 6/20/2024 (non-written observation), 10/18/2023 (written observation), and 7/20/2018 (written observation).

OBSERVATION 3

You did not keep the grounds around your plant in a condition that would protect against the contamination of food.

Specifically, during the inspection between 11/17/2025 – 12/18/2025, multiple walkthroughs of your facility were

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conducted. While in your facility, the following observations were made regarding your firm's grounds which could create harborage areas for pests near your facility:

- ☐ Over 150 empty wood pallets were observed stacked and stored outside your facility by the (b)(4) corner of the building near the dumpster, trailers of razors, and shipping dock doors
- ☐ Trash buildup, including bottles of beverages, were observed accumulating outside the facility under Dock Door (b)(4) and beside the firm's dumpster on 11/19/2025

This is a repeat observation from the previous inspection(s) conducted on 4/14/2019 (written observation), and 7/20/2018 (written observation).

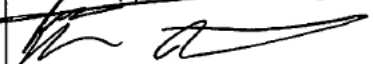
OBSERVATION 4

You did not hold and store a toxic chemical in a manner that protects against contamination.

Specifically, your firm stores and hold human and animal food products as well as toxic chemicals such as motor oil, fuel additives, and cleaning chemicals. During the inspection between 11/17/2025 – 12/18/2025, multiple walkthroughs of your facility were conducted. While in your facility, the following observations were made regarding the improper storage of toxic chemicals in proximity to food products:

- ☐ A pallet stored in Bay (b)(4) was observed to hold both Blue Deisel - Deisel Exhaust Fluid and (b)(4) on 11/17/2025. This pallet was also stored next to pallets of water and (b)(4)
- ☐ Two pallets of Motor Oil were observed being stored directly next to a pallet of Foco Tamarind Drink in the floor storage of (b)(4) on 11/17/2025
- ☐ A pallet of motor oil was observed being stored directly next to pallets of Cheerios and Zwan Luncheon Loaf in the floor storage of (b)(4) on 11/17/2025

This is a repeat observation from the previous inspection(s) conducted on 7/20/2018 (written observation).

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The following observations pertain to animal food products stored and distributed from your facility.

OBSERVATION 5

You did not take effective measures to exclude pests from your plant and protect against contamination of animal food by pests.

Specifically, your facility stores multiple animal food products under ambient conditions, including but not limited to dry bagged cat food and wet canned cat food. These products are commingled throughout the facility with other commodity types including human food, cosmetics, medical products, cleaning chemicals and automobile products.

During the inspection between 11/17/2025 – 12/18/2025, multiple walkthroughs of your facility were conducted. Your (b) (4), raised dock doors were observed to be open most of the day during the inspections on 11/17–19/2025. While in your facility, observations of pest activity within your facility include, but are not limited to, the following:

☐ A bag-by-bag breakdown of a pallet of Meow Mix Tender Centers, lot (b) (4), found an apparent gnaw hole and six apparent REPs on one bag, and as well as REPs ranging from 1/8" to 3/8" under product plastic-wrapping and urine stains on plastic-wrapping on 11/18/2025. (Sample 1313082)

☐ Multiple apparent REPs were observed on three of pallets of Friskies canned cat food, lots (b) (4), (b) (4), and (b) (4) stored on the floor on the (b) (4) end of the (b) (4) wall storage racks on 11/20/2025

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TO: Bassam ^{JME} ~~(MNT)~~ Abu Samrah, Owner/COO

FIRM NAME <u>CRAE 12/23/2025</u> Gold Star Distribution Inc.	STREET ADDRESS 1000 Humboldt Ave N
CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE Minneapolis, MN 55411 <u>MAV 12/23/2025</u>	TYPE OF ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTED Multi-commodity ambient warehouse

The following observations pertain to drug products stored and distributed from your facility.

OBSERVATION 6

Buildings used in the manufacture, processing, packing or holding of drug products are not free of infestation by rodents, birds insects, and other vermin.

Specifically, your facility stores multiple OTC pharmaceutical products under ambient conditions, including but not limited to analgesics, cough syrup, cough drops, toothpaste, antihistamines, and antacids. These products are commingled throughout the facility with other commodity types including human food, cosmetics, medical products, cleaning chemicals and automobile products.

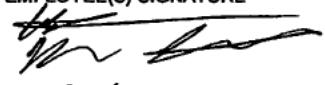
During the inspection between 11/17/2025 – 12/18/2025, multiple walkthroughs of your facility were conducted. Extensive apparent rodent and pest activity, including but not limited to apparent REPs, insects, gnaw holes, nesting material, and live animals, were identified throughout your warehouse as well as in the (b) (4) Room directly underneath OTC drug products that are distributed.

Examples of OTC products observed in your warehouse or front room include, but are not limited to:

Product Name	Lot Number	Expiry Date	Quantity Observed
Colgate Triple Action Toothpaste (2.5oz/tube)	(b) (4)		cases (24 tubes/case)
(b) (4)			(2 capsules/pouch, 50 pouches/box)
(b) (4)			(2 tablets/pouch, 25 pouches/box)

OBSERVATION 7

Drug products are not stored under appropriate conditions of temperature, humidity and light so that

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their identity, strength, quality, and purity are not affected.

Specifically, the warehouse storing OTC drug products is not temperature or humidity monitored nor adequately controlled. No temperature mapping studies of the warehouse, or the (b) (4) Room, housing OTC drug products, have been completed. Examples of OTC products observed in your warehouse, but are not limited to:

Product Name Lot Number Expiry Date Quantity Observed

Nyquil Severe Cold & Flu capsules (b) (4) 03/2027 9 cases/7boxes (12x32ct cartons)

Halls Defense, Assorted Citrus (b) (4) 12/19/2026 91 cases (9 drops/stick, 20 sticks/case)

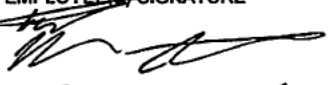
The following observations pertain to device products stored and distributed from your facility.

OBSERVATION 8

Devices have been prepared, packed, or held under insanitary conditions whereby it may have become contaminated with filth or whereby it may have been rendered injurious to health.

Specifically, your firm failed to protect medical devices from contamination due to pest activity in buildings storing medical devices and improper storage conditions. Your facility stores multiple medical device products under ambient conditions, including but not limited to menstrual pads, pregnancy tests, bandages, first aid kits, toothbrushes, and condoms. These products are commingled throughout the facility with other commodity types including human food, animals food, cosmetics, OTC pharmaceuticals, cleaning chemicals and automobile products.

During the inspection between 11/17/2025 – 12/18/2025, multiple walkthroughs of your facility were conducted. During these walkthrough, evidence of apparent pests were observed throughout the facility, including apparent live rodents and birds, dead rodents in various states of decay, rodent excreta pellets (REPs), bird droppings, live insects, and gnawing indicative of rodents throughout the entirety of your facility. During a walkthroughs on 11/24/2025, a pallet of mixed products was observed on the (b) (4) racks of the (b) (4) Warehouse which included approximately (b) (4) cases of (b) (4). Apparent REPs TNTC were observed on the lower

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Multi-commodity ambient warehouse

plants of this pallet.

The following observations pertain to cosmetics products stored and distributed from your facility.

OBSERVATION 9

Your cosmetic was prepared, packed, or held under insanitary conditions whereby it may have been rendered injurious to health.

Specifically, your facility stores multiple cosmetic products under ambient conditions, including but not limited to soaps, lotions, hair glue, hair gels, shampoos, conditioners, and body spray. These products are commingled throughout the facility with other commodity types including human food, animal food, medical products, cleaning chemicals and automobile products.

During the inspection between 11/17/2025 – 12/18/2025, multiple walkthroughs of your facility were conducted. While in your facility, observations of pest activity within your facility involving cosmetic products included, but are not limited to, the following:

☐ Apparent REPs TNTC were observed on the second level storage rack along the north wall of the (b) (4) Warehouse by cases of Axe Body Spray on 11/19/2025.

☐ Two apparent dead rodents were observed on a black glue board located between pallets of (b) (4) soap and (b) (4) in the (b) (4) Wall racks behind (b) (4) on 11/17/2025

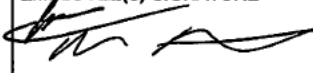
☐ Apparent REPs TNTC were observed in a pallet of Lucky Super Soft Aloe Vera liquid soap located near the (b) (4) Wall racks behind (b) (4) on 11/17/2025

Annotations to Observations

Observation 8: Promised to correct.

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The observations of objectionable conditions and practices listed on the front of this form are reported:

1. Pursuant to Section 704(b) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, or
2. To assist firms inspected in complying with the Acts and regulations enforced by the Food and Drug Administration.

Section 704(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 USC 374(b)) provides:

"Upon completion of any such inspection of a factory, warehouse, consulting laboratory, or other establishment, and prior to leaving the premises, the officer or employee making the inspection shall give to the owner, operator, or agent in charge a report in writing setting forth any conditions or practices observed by him which, in his judgement, indicate that any food, drug, device, or cosmetic in such establishment (1) consists in whole or in part of any filthy, putrid, or decomposed substance, or (2) has been prepared, packed, or held under insanitary conditions whereby it may have become contaminated with filth, or whereby it may have been rendered injurious to health. A copy of such report shall be sent promptly to the Secretary."