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Dear

Central Valley Meat Co. Inc. and its affiliates takes the privacy and security of your personal information seriously. As part of that commitment, we are notifying you of a recent event impacting our computer network where your name and Social Security number were present within certain files taken without authorization. We ask that you please read this letter carefully.

As an added precaution, we are offering you 24 months of complimentary identity monitoring and protection services through Equifax. More information on the services, and instructions for how to enroll are enclosed.

Under Massachusetts law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident. If you are a victim of identity theft, you also have the right to file a police report and obtain a copy of it.

You may also place a security freeze on your credit reports, free of charge. A security freeze prohibits a credit reporting agency from releasing any information from a consumer's credit report without written authorization. However, please be aware that placing a security freeze on your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prevent the timely approval of any requests you make for new loans, credit mortgages, employment, housing or other services. Under federal law, you cannot be charged to place, lift, or remove a security freeze.

You must place your request for a freeze with each of the three major consumer reporting agencies: Equifax (<u>www.equifax.com</u>); Experian (<u>www.experian.com</u>); and TransUnion (<u>www.transunion.com</u>). To place a security freeze on your credit report, you may send a written request by regular, certified or overnight mail at the addresses below. You may also place a security freeze through each of the consumer reporting agencies' websites or over the phone, using the contact information below:

Equifax Security Freeze	<b>Experian Security Freeze</b>	<b>TransUnion Security Freeze</b>
P.O. Box 105788	P.O. Box 9554	P.O. Box 160
Atlanta, GA 30348	Allen, TX 75013	Woodlyn, PA 19094
1-888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	1-888-909-8872
https://www.equifax.com/personal/cre	https://www.experian.com/freeze/center.h	https://www.transunion.com/cred
dit-report-services/	tml	<u>it-freeze</u>

You must separately place a credit freeze on your credit file at each credit reporting agency. The following information should be included when requesting a credit freeze, your:

- 1) Full name, with middle initial and any suffixes;
- 2) Social Security number;
- 3) Date of birth (month, day, and year);
- 4) Current address and previous addresses for the past five (5) years;
- 5) Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill or telephone bill; and
- 6) Other personal information as required by the applicable credit reporting agency.

The credit reporting agencies have one (1) to three (3) business days after receiving your request to place a security freeze on your credit report, based upon the method of your request. The credit bureaus must also send written confirmation to you within five (5) business days and provide you with a unique personal identification number (PIN) or password (or both) that can be used by you to authorize the removal or lifting of the security freeze. It is important to maintain this PIN/password in a secure place, as you will need it to lift or remove the security freeze.

To lift the security freeze in order to allow a specific entity or individual access to your credit report, you must make a request to each of the credit reporting agencies by mail, through their website, or by phone (using the contact information above). You must provide proper identification (including name, address, and Social Security number) and the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze, as well as the identities of those entities or individuals you would like to receive your credit report. You may also temporarily lift a security freeze for a specified period of time rather than for a specific entity or individual, using the same contact information above. The credit bureaus have between one (1) hour (for requests made online) and three (3) business days (for request made by mail) after receiving your request to lift the security freeze for those identified entities or for the specified period of time.

In addition, you can place a fraud alert on your credit file by contacting one or more of the three national credit reporting agencies listed above. The difference between a credit freeze and a fraud alert is that a credit freeze locks down your credit, while a fraud alert allows creditors to get a copy of your credit report as long as they take steps to verify your identity. For example, if you provide a telephone number, the business must call you to verify whether you are the person making the credit request. Fraud alerts may be effective at stopping someone from opening new credit accounts in your name, but they may not prevent the misuse of your existing accounts. You still need to monitor all bank, credit card and insurance statements for fraudulent transactions.

For additional information on steps you may take to help protect your information from potential misuse, you may contact the Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20580, <u>https://www.consumer.ftc.gov</u>, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338); the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office at <u>https://www.mass.gov/contact-the-attorney-generals-office</u> or (617) 727-2200; or the Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs & Business Regulation at <u>www.mass.gov/ocabr</u> or (888) 283-3757.

We understand you may have questions about the event. If you have additional questions please contact our dedicated assistance line at 855-295-4465, which is available from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (excluding major U.S. holidays). For English Language Learners (ELL), Spanish speaking bi-lingual agents will be available to assist Spanish speaking callers. You may also contact us at 10431 8 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Avenue, Hanford, CA 93230.

Sincerely,

Central Valley Meat Co. Inc.



Enter your Activation Code:

Enrollment Deadline:

# **Equifax Credit Watch<sup>TM</sup> Gold**

\*Note: You must be over age 18 with a credit file to take advantage of the product

# Key Features

- Credit monitoring with email notifications of key changes to your Equifax credit report
- Daily access to your Equifax credit report
- WebScan notifications<sup>1</sup> when your personal information, such as Social Security Number, credit/debit card or bank account numbers are found on fraudulent Internet trading sites
- Automatic fraud alerts<sup>2</sup>, which encourages potential lenders to take extra steps to verify your identity before extending credit, plus blocked inquiry alerts and Equifax credit report lock<sup>3</sup>
- Identity Restoration to help restore your identity should you become a victim of identity theft, and a dedicated Identity Restoration Specialist to work on your behalf
- Up to \$1,000,000 of identity theft insurance coverage for certain out of pocket expenses resulting from identity theft<sup>4</sup>

## **Enrollment Instructions**

#### Go to www.equifax.com/activate

Enter your unique Activation Code of the then click "Submit" and follow these 4 steps:

#### 1. Register:

Complete the form with your contact information and click "Continue". If you already have a myEquifax account, click the 'Sign in here' link under the "Let's get started" header. Once you have successfully signed in, you will skip to the Checkout Page in Step 4

### 2. Create Account:

Enter your email address, create a password, and accept the terms of use.

#### 3. Verify Identity:

To enroll in your product, we will ask you to complete our identity verification process.

### 4. Checkout:

Upon successful verification of your identity, you will see the Checkout Page. Click 'Sign Me Up' to finish enrolling.

You're done!

The confirmation page shows your completed enrollment. Click "View My Product" to access the product features.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>WebScan searches for your Social Security Number, up to 5 passport numbers, up to 6 bank account numbers, up to 6 credit/debit card numbers, up to 6 email addresses, and up to 10 medical ID numbers. WebScan searches thousands of Internet sites where consumers' personal information is suspected of being bought and sold, and regularly adds new sites to the list of those it searches. However, the Internet addresses of these suspected Internet trading sites are not published and frequently change, so there is no guarantee that we are able to locate and search every possible Internet site where consumers' personal information is at risk of being traded. <sup>2</sup>The Automatic Fraud Alert feature is made available to consumers by Equifax Information Services LLC and fulfilled on its behalf by Equifax Consumer Services LLC. <sup>3</sup>Locking your Equifax credit report will prevent access to it by certain third parties. Locking your Equifax credit report will not prevent access to your credit report at any other credit report or credit score, or monitor your credit report as part of a subscription or similar service; companies that provide you with a copy of your credit report or credit score, upon your request; federal, state and local government agencies and courts in certain circumstances; companies using the information in connection with the underwriting of insurance, or for employment, tenant or background screening purposes; companies that have a current account or relationship with you, and collection agencies acting on behalf of those whom you we; companies that authenticate a consumer's identity for purposes other thanger, with the make pre-approved offers of credit or insurance to you. To opt out of such pre-approved offers, visit www.optoutprescreen.com <sup>4</sup> The Identity Theft Insurance benefit is underwritten and administered by American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, an Assurant company, under group or blanket policies issued to Equifax. Inc., or its respective affiliates for the benefit of its Members. Pleas