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Secretary of Labor  
Top Hat Plan Exemption  
Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration  
Room N-5644  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20210

**Re:     *Deferred Compensation Plan***

Dear Sir or Madam:

This notice is intended to satisfy the requirements of Department of Labor Regulation Section 2520.104-23 with respect to the above-referenced plan.

PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION maintains one plan primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees. The name of this plan is the PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION Deferred Compensation Plan. The number of employees who are participants in the plan is 53. (PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION does not maintain any other plans of this type.)

The address of PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION is P.O. Box 93, Pittsburg, Texas 75686. The employer identification number of PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION is 75-1285071.

If you have any questions with regard to this matter or require any other information, please let me know.

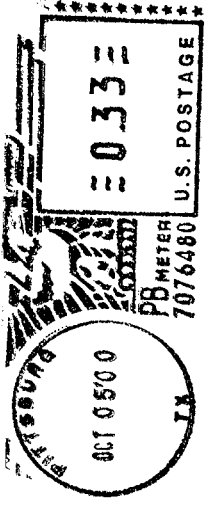
Very truly yours,

Gerry Everwel  
Director Compensation and Benefits  
PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION



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