

EXHIBIT 2

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

CARGILL MEAT SOLUTIONS
CORPORATION, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Civil Action No.: 1:22-cv-1821

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH PROVISIONS
OF THE ANTITRUST PROCEDURES AND PENALTIES ACT**

The United States of America hereby certifies that it has complied with the Antitrust Procedures and Penalties Act (“APPA”), 15 U.S.C. § 16 and states:

1. On May 17, 2023, the United States filed the Complaint, Stipulation and Order, and proposed Final Judgment between the United States and Defendants George’s, Inc. and George’s Foods, LLC (ECF 45-2), as well as the Competitive Impact Statement with respect to that proposed Final Judgment (ECF 45-3).

2. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 16(b), the proposed Final Judgment and the Competitive Impact Statement were published in the *Federal Register* on May 25, 2023 (88 Fed. Reg. 34030 (2023)), and copies of the proposed Final Judgment and Competitive Impact Statement were furnished to all persons requesting them and made available on the Department of Justice Antitrust Division’s website.

3. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 16(c), a summary of the terms of the proposed Final Judgment and Competitive Impact Statement were published in *The Washington Post*, a newspaper

of general circulation in the District of Columbia, for seven days, beginning on May 22, 2023 and ending on May 28, 2023.

4. No determinative materials or documents within the meaning of 15 U.S.C. § 16(b) were considered by the United States in formulating the proposed Final Judgment, so none were furnished to any person pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 16(b) or listed pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 16(c).

5. As required by 15 U.S.C. § 16(g), Defendants filed with the Court descriptions of any written or oral communications made by or on behalf of Defendants with any officer or employee of the United States concerning the proposed Final Judgment.

6. The 60-day comment period specified in 15 U.S.C. § 16(b) has ended.

7. The United States did not receive any comments from members of the public concerning the proposed Final Judgment.

8. The parties have, therefore, satisfied all of the requirements of the APPA that were conditions for entering the proposed Final Judgment. Pursuant to the Stipulation and Order filed on May 17, 2023 and 15 U.S.C. § 16(e), the Court may enter the Final Judgment after it determines that the proposed Final Judgment serves the public interest.

9. The United States's Competitive Impact Statement demonstrates that the proposed Final Judgment satisfies the public interest standard of 15 U.S.C. § 16(e).

10. Pursuant to the Stipulation and Order, Defendants stipulated that the Final Judgment could be filed with and entered by the Court, upon the motion of the United States or upon the Court's own motion, at any time after compliance with the requirements of the APPA, and without further notice to any party or other proceeding.

10. The United States requests that this Court enter the Final Judgment without further proceedings or hearings.

Dated: August 15, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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