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	<p><b>ALLEGED VIOLATOR:</b> Harvard Medical School</p>
	<p><b>ADDRESS (City, State, ZIP Code):</b> Boston, MA 02115</p>

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about the date(s) listed below, you or your organization committed the following alleged violation(s) of Federal laws:

**Date of Alleged Violation: September 20, 2023**

**9 C.F.R. § 2.38(f)(1) Handling.**

(1) Handling of all animals shall be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.

Harvard Medical School (HMS) failed to handle animals as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, and unnecessary discomfort.

As documented in the February 27, 2024 inspection report, on September 20, 2023, a primary investigator returned a nonhuman primate to a quad housing enclosure without the solid barrier in place to prevent unintended animal contact through the grid-style floor panel. After the primary investigator secured the nonhuman primate in the lower enclosure, it injured the nonhuman primate housed above by biting and fracturing its tail and causing a laceration to the skin beneath the tail base. HMS self-reported the incident and implemented corrective measures prior to the inspection.



The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) published federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the alleged violation(s) described above. This Official Warning is not to be construed as a final agency action, or as an adjudicated finding of a violation. If APHIS obtains evidence of any future violation of these federal regulations, APHIS may pursue civil penalties, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions for this alleged violation(s) and for any future violation(s). If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or alleged violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.

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