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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:) [P&S-D]
) Docket No. **15-0111**
Clarence Oosterhof)
)
Respondent) **Dismissal**

Appearances:

Carlynn S. Cockrum, Esq. with the Office of the General Counsel, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., for the Complainant (Packers and Stockyards) ¹; and

Clarence Oosterhof, the Respondent (Respondent Oosterhof), who did not appear.

1. A caller on May 20, 2015, who identified herself as Clarence Oosterhof's sister, told Legal Secretary Marilyn Kennedy, who works with me in the USDA Office of Administrative Law Judges, that Clarence Oosterhof is unaware of the Complaint. As I understand it, Respondent Clarence Oosterhof was incapacitated and hospitalized in critical condition.

2. Counsel for Packers and Stockyards Carlynn Cockrum moved to dismiss the Complaint because Mr. Clarence Oosterhof passed away on July 22, 2015, according to the Skagit Valley (WA) Herald. Accordingly, and with sadness at his passing, I order this case **DISMISSED**, with prejudice [meaning the case cannot be refiled].

Copies of this Dismissal order shall be sent by the Hearing Clerk to each of the parties (to Respondent Oosterhof's mailing address by ordinary mail AND by certified mail;

1. The Complainant is the Deputy Administrator, Packers and Stockyards Program, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA), United States Department of Agriculture ("Packers and Stockyards" or "Complainant").

and to counsel for Packers and Stockyards by in-person delivery to an Office of the General Counsel representative).

Done at Washington, D.C.
this 17th day of August 2015



Jill S. Clifton
Administrative Law Judge

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