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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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In re:)	
)	P.Q. Docket No. 11-0234
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TradeLanes, Inc.)	
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Respondent)	CONSENT DECISION
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This proceeding was instituted under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. §§ 7701 et seq.) (hereinafter "the Act") by a complaint filed by the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service alleging that the Respondent violated the Act. The Complainant and the Respondent have agreed that this proceeding should be terminated by entry of this Consent Decision, and have agreed to the following stipulations:

1. For the purpose of this Consent Decision only, Respondent specifically admits that the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations in the complaint, admits to the Findings of Fact set forth below, and waives:

(a) Any further procedure;

(b) Any requirement that the final decision in this proceeding contain findings and conclusions with respect to all material issues of fact, law, or discretion, as well as the reasons or bases thereof; and

(c) All rights to seek judicial review and otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this decision.

2. The Respondent also stipulates and agrees that the United States Department of Agriculture is the "prevailing party" in this proceeding and waives any action against the United States Department of Agriculture under the Equal Access to

Justice Act of 1980 (5 U.S.C. §§ 504 et seq.) for fees and other expenses incurred by the Respondent in connection with this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. TradeLanes, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the Respondent, is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Alabama with a principal address of 3812 Springhill Avenue, Mobile, AL 36608.

2. On or about June 27, 2006, the Respondent exported white oak lumber to Ireland.


Conclusions


The Respondent has admitted the jurisdictional facts and has agreed to the following Order in disposition of this proceeding; therefore, this Consent Decision will be issued.

Order


The Respondent, TradeLanes, Inc., is assessed a civil penalty of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00). The Respondent shall send a certified check or money order for ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), payable to the Treasurer of the United States, to United States Department of Agriculture, APHIS, U.S. Bank, P.O. Box 979043, St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000, within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this Order. The certified check or money order should include the docket number of this proceeding.

This Order shall become effective when served on the Respondent.


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Issued this 13th day of July, 2011
at Washington, D.C.


Administrative Law Judge