

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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In re:

Randy Myers,

Respondent

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P & S Docket No. D-11-0290

Consent Decision

This proceeding was instituted under the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, as amended and supplemented (7 U.S.C. § 181 et seq.), (the Act), by a Complaint filed by the Deputy Administrator, Packers and Stockyards Program, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA), United States Department of Agriculture, alleging that Respondent willfully violated the Act. This decision is entered pursuant to the consent decision provisions of the Rules of Practice applicable to this proceeding (7 C.F.R. § 1.138).

Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations in paragraph I of the Complaint and specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations, waives oral hearing and further procedure, and consents and agrees, for the purpose of settling this proceeding and for such purpose only, to the entry of this decision.

Complainant agrees to the entry of this decision.

Findings of Fact

1. Respondent Randy Myers is an individual. Respondent's business mailing address is his home address. In order to protect the personal privacy of Respondent, Complainant is not providing the principal's address in this decision.

2. Respondent, at all times material herein, was:

- (1) Engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce on a commission basis; and
- (2) Not registered, as required, as a market agency buying livestock in commerce on a commission basis, with the Secretary of Agriculture.

Conclusions

Respondent having admitted the jurisdictional facts and the parties having agreed to the entry of this decision, the decision will be entered.

Order

1. Respondent, his agents and employees, directly or through any corporate or other device, in connection with activities subject to the Act, shall cease and desist from:

a) engaging in operations subject to the Act without maintaining an adequate bond or bond equivalent as required by section 204 of the Act (7 U.S.C. § 204) and section 201.29 of the regulations (9 C.F.R. § 201.29); and

b) engaging in operations subject to the Act without maintaining proper registration as required by section 303 of the Act (7 U.S.C. § 203).

2. In accordance with section 312(b) of the Act (7 U.S.C. 213(b)), Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of \$6,500.00 to be paid in accordance with the Understanding Regarding Civil Penalty Terms executed by the parties.

The provisions of this order shall become effective on the sixth day after service of this order on the Respondent.

Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

Issued in Washington D.C.

this 14 day of Sept, 2011

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Administrative Law Judge

Jill S. Clifton

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Randy Myers
Respondent

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