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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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In re: ) Docket No. 11-0448

) Tina B. Young

) and

) Johnny Bunton,

) Respondents ) Consent Decision

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Respondent Johnny Bunton 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.

The complainant agrees to the entry of this decision.

Findings of Fact

1. Respondent Johnny Bunton is an individual whose mailing address is 307 Creek Road, Florence, South Carolina 29506. Respondent Bunton is a registered owner of "Beams Rapid Express".
2. On or about July 13, 2007, Respondent Johnny Bunton entered the horse known as "Beam's Rapid Express" for the purpose of showing or exhibiting that horse as Entry No. 102, Class No. 21, at the Land-O-the Sky Summer Festival Horse Show in Asheville, North Carolina.
3. On or about July 13, 2007, Johnny Bunton showed or exhibited the horse known as "Beam's Rapid Express" as Entry No. 102, Class No. 21, at the Land-O-the Sky Summer Festival Horse Show in Asheville, North Carolina.

4. On or about July 11, 2008, Respondent Johnny Bunton entered the horse known as "Beams Rapid Express" for the purpose of showing or exhibiting that horse as Entry No. 151, Class No. 42, at the Land-O-the Sky Summer Festival Horse Show in Asheville, North Carolina.

#### Conclusions

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

#### Order

1. Respondent Johnny Bunton is disqualified for two uninterrupted years from showing, exhibiting, or entering any horse, directly or indirectly through any agent, employee, or other device, and from judging, managing or otherwise participating in any horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction. "Participating" means engaging in any activity beyond that of a spectator, and includes, without limitation, transporting or arranging for the transportation of horses to or from equine events, personally giving instructions to exhibitors, being present in the warm-up or inspection areas, or in any area where spectators are not allowed, and financing the participation of others in equine events.

This order shall have the same effect as if entered after a full hearing and shall become effective on the first day after service of this decision on the Respondent.

Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.



Johnny Bunton  
Respondent



Sharlene A. Deskins  
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.  
this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011



PETER M. GUYE/PORT  
Administrative Law Judge