UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:) HPA Docket No. 13-0252
Justin Taylor,)
Respondent) Consent Decision and Order

This proceeding was instituted under the Horse Protection Act ("Act"), as amended (15 U.S.C. § 1821 et seq.), by a complaint filed by the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture, alleging that the respondent violated the Act and regulations promulgated thereunder (9 C.F.R. § 11.1 et seq.) ("regulations"). 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.

The complainant agrees to the entry of this decision.

Findings of Fact

- Respondent Justin Taylor, is an individual whose mailing address is 1301
 Hunts Lane, Bowling Green, KY, 42103.
- 2. On July 14, 2012, respondent entered for the purpose of showing or exhibiting the horse known as "Checkin In At The Ritz" as entry number 203, class number 7, at the Mid-South Horse Show Association 25th Annual Charity Horse Show in Oakfield, Tennessee.
- 3. On July 14, 2012, respondent showed or exhibited the horse known as "Checkin In At The Ritz" as entry number 203, class number 7, at the Mid-South Horse Show Association 25th Annual Charity Horse Show in Oakfield, Tennessee.

Conclusions

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 Justin Taylor is disqualified for one year from the date of issuance of this Order 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.

2. Respondent Justin Taylor is assessed a civil penalty of \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars).

This order shall have the same effect as if entered after a full hearing and shall become effective upon the issuance of this Order.

Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

Justin Taylor Respondent

R. Taylor Broderick Broderick and Davenport, PLLC Counsel for Respondent

Krishna Ramaraju Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.

this day of 4.201

Administrative Law Judge

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