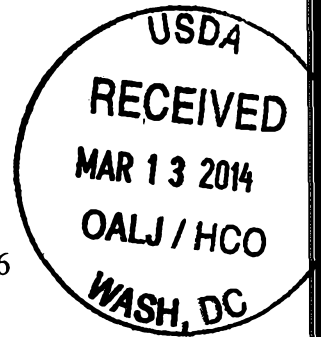


UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE



In re:) P&S Docket No. D-13-0376
)
Christopher J. Bartels,)
d/b/a Bartels Packing,)
)
Respondent) Consent Decision and Order

This proceeding was instituted under the Packers and Stockyards Act (7 U.S.C. § 181 *et seq.*), 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 Christopher J. Bartels, doing business as Bartels Packing, willfully violated the Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder (9 C.F.R. § 201.1 *et seq.*). This decision is entered pursuant to the consent decision provision of the rules of practice applicable to this proceeding (7 C.F.R. § 1.138).

The 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

(a) Christopher J. Bartels, referred to herein as the respondent, is an individual doing business as Bartels Packing, with a mailing address of 88091 Central Road, Eugene, Oregon 97402.

(b) The respondent is, and at all times material herein was:

(1) Engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce for the purpose of slaughter, and of manufacturing or preparing meats or meat products for sale or shipment in commerce; and

(2) A packer within the meaning of, and subject to the provisions of, the Act.

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


Respondent Christopher J. Bartels, doing business as Bartels Packing, its agents and employees, directly or indirectly through any corporate or other device, shall cease and desist from failing to pay, when due, the full purchase price of livestock.

Furthermore, in accordance with section 203(b) of the Act (7 U.S.C. § 193(b)), the respondent is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of fifteen thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$15,750.00).

This Order shall have the same force and effect as if entered after full hearing. The provisions of this order shall become effective on the sixth day after service of this consent decision and order on the respondent.

Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.


Respondent Christopher J. Bartels
d/b/a Bartels Packing


Aaron J. Noteboom
Attorney for Respondent


Susan Golabek
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C., this

13 day of MARCH, 2014



Administrative Law Judge


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