

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE



In re:) Docket No. 14- 0096
)
Rodney Rasco)
d/b/a Rodney Rasco/ R & R Farms,)
)
Respondent) Decision without Hearing
by Reason of Consent

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 Rodney Rasco violated the Act. 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).

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) Rodney Rasco, doing business as Rodney Rasco / R & R Farms, referred to herein as respondent, is an individual. In order to protect the personal privacy of the respondent, complainant is not providing his address in this complaint. Complainant has provided the address to the Hearing Clerk so that service can be effected.

(b) Respondent was at all times material herein:

(1) engaged in the business of a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce; and

(2) not registered with the Secretary of Agriculture as a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce.

Conclusions

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

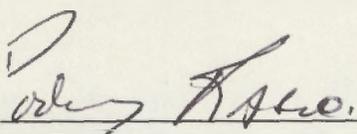
Order

Respondent, his agents and employees, directly or through any corporate or other device, in connection with their operations subject to the Act, shall cease and desist from engaging in operations subject to the Act without first becoming properly registered under the Act, as required by section 201.10(a) of the regulations, and without maintaining an adequate bond or bond equivalent, as required by 7 U.S.C. §§ 204, 213, and section 201.29 of the regulations.

In accordance with section 312(b) of the Act (7 U.S.C. § 213(b)), respondent is hereby assessed a civil penalty in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

This Order shall have the same force and effect as if entered after full hearing. The provisions of this Order shall become final and effective on the sixth (6th) day of this Consent Decision and Order on the respondents (7 C.F.R. § 1.138).

Copies of this decision and order shall be served upon the parties.



Rodney Rasco

Respondent



Lisa Jabaily
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.

this 22nd day of April, 2014



Administrative Law Judge