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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:)	HPA Docket 17-0196
)	HPA Docket 17-0197
	ALIAS FAMILY INVESTMENTS, LLC,)	HPA Docket 17-0199
	a Mississippi limited liability company;)	HPA Docket 17-0201
	MARGARET ANNE ALIAS, an individual	;)	HPA Docket 17-0202
	TAMMY BARCLAY, an individual;)	HPA Docket 17-0203
	NOEL BOTSCH, an individual;)	HPA Docket 17-0205
	LYNSEY DENNEY, an individual;)	HPA Docket 17-0206
	MIKKI ELDRIDGE, an individual;)	HPA Docket 17-0208
	JEFFREY GREEN, an individual;)	HPA Docket 17-0209
	WILLIAM TY IRBY, an individual;)	HPA Docket 17-0210
	JOYCE MEADOWS, an individual;)	
	JOYCE H. MYERS, an individual, and)	
	LIBBY STEPHENS, an individual,)	
	·)	CONSENT DECISION AND
	Respondents.)	ORDER AS TO RESPONDENT
)	MARGARET ANNE ALIAS

This proceeding was instituted under the Horse Protection Act (15 U.S.C. § 1821 et seq.)(FIPA or Act), by a complaint filed by the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture (APHIS), on February 3, 2017, alleging that the respondents violated the Act.

Respondent Margaret Anne Alias admits the jurisdictional allegations in the complaint, specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations, and waives oral hearing and further procedure. The parties consent and agree to the entry of this decision for the purpose of settling this proceeding as to respondent Margaret Anne Alias and resolving any and all other alleged or potential violations of the Act by her occurring up to and including September 2, 2017. 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).

Findings of Fact

- 1. Respondent Margaret Anne Alias is an individual residing in and at all times mentioned herein was a "person" and an "exhibitor," as those terms are defined in the regulations promulgated under the Act (9 C.F.R. Parts 11 and 12).
- 2. On or about September 3, 2016, respondent Margaret Anne Alias entered a horse (Our Commander in Chief), for the purpose of showing the horse, in class 187 in a horse show in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

Conclusion of Law

Respondent Margaret Anne Alias having admitted the findings of fact set forth above, and the parties having agreed to the entry of this decision, such decision will be entered.

Order

1. Respondent Margaret Anne Alias is disqualified for four months, either (initial one):

beginning September 4, 2017, and ending January 3, 2018, or beginning January 1, 2018, and ending April 30, 2018,

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, directly or indirectly through any agent, employee, or other device.

l"Participating" means engaging in any activity beyond that of a spectator in connection with a horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction, 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 Margaret Anne Alias is assessed a civil penalty of \$550, which shall be paid by October 1, 2017, by check made payable to USDA/APHIS, indicating that the payment is in reference to HPA Docket No. 17-0197, and sent to:

USDA, APHIS, MISCELLANEOUS P.O. Box 979043 St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000

The provisions of this order shall become final and effective as of September 4, 2017.

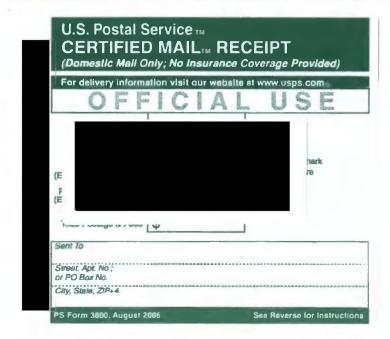
This order may be executed in counterparts. Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

Margarct Anne Alias Respondent Colleen A. Carroll
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C., this 6th day of Softender 20

Administrative Law Judge

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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Margaret Anne Alias	17-0197
Tammy Barclay	17-0199
Noel Botsch	17-0201
Lynsey Denney	17-0202
Mikki Eldridge	17-0203
Jeffrey Green	17-0205
William Ty Irby	17-0206
Joyce Meadows	17-0208
Joyce H. Myers	17-0209
Libby Stephens	17-0210

Having personal knowledge of the foregoing, I declare under penalty of perjury that the information herein is true and correct and this is to certify that a copy of the CONSENT DECISION AND ORDER AS TO RESPONDENT ALIAS FAMILY INVESTMENTS, LLC and CONSENT DECISION AND ORDER AS TO RESPONDENT MARGARET ANNE ALIAS has been furnished and was served upon the following parties on September 7, 2017 by the following:

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Respectfully Submitted,

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