

Findings of Fact

(1) Respondent is a sole proprietor. Respondent's principal place of business and mailing address is 1456 Dr. Hall Road, Halls, Tennessee 38040.

(2) At all times material herein, Respondent was:

(a) Engaged in the business of a dealer, as that term is defined and used in the Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

(b) Registered with the Secretary of Agriculture as a dealer, as that term is defined and used in the Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

Conclusions

Respondent, having admitted the jurisdictional facts, and the parties having agreed to the entry of this Consent Decision, this Consent Decision will be entered.

Order

Respondent, his agents and employees, successors and assigns, directly or through any device, in connection with Respondent's activities subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act, shall cease and desist from purchasing livestock in commerce and failing to pay or failing to pay when due, the full purchase price of such livestock as prescribed by sections 312(a) and 409 of the Packers and Stockyards Act (7 U.S.C. §§ 213(a) and 228b) and section 201.43 of the regulations (9 C.F.R. § 201.43).

Pursuant to 7 U.S.C. § 204, Respondent, operating individually or through any corporate or other device, is prohibited from registering under the Act for a period of three (3) years.

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 upon on the sixth (6th) day after service of this Consent Decision and Order on Respondent.

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Jon A. Smith
Respondent

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CHRISTOPHER YOUNG
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.,

this 4th day of October, 2017

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Acting Chief ALJ
on behalf of Bubbie J. McCartney
Chief

Administrative Law Judge