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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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In re:)	HPA Docket 14-0002
)	HPA Docket 14-0004
LARRY EDWARDS; and)	
CARL EDWARDS & SONS STABLES,)	
INC.,)	
)	
Respondents.)	

In re:)	HPA Docket 14-0007
)	HPA Docket 14-0009
GARY EDWARDS; and)	
CARL EDWARDS & SONS STABLES,)	
INC.,)	
)	
Respondents.)	

In re:)	HPA Docket 14-0010
)	HPA Docket 14-0011
)	HPA Docket 14-0012
LARRY EDWARDS;)	
PAIGE EDWARDS; and)	
CARL EDWARDS & SONS STABLES,)	
INC.,)	
)	
Respondents.)	

In re:)	HPA Docket 14-0014
)	HPA Docket 14-0015
)	HPA Docket 14-0016
LARRY EDWARDS;)	
GARY EDWARDS; and)	
CARL EDWARDS & SONS STABLES,)	
INC.,)	
)	
Respondents.)	CONSENT DECISION AND ORDER AS TO PAIGE EDWARDS

These proceedings were instituted under the Horse Protection Act (15 U.S.C. § 1821 *et seq.*)(HPA or Act), by complaints filed by the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture (APHIS), on October 18, 2013, and October 30, 2013, alleging that the respondents violated the Act.

Respondent Paige Edwards admits the jurisdictional allegations in the complaints as to her, specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in these matters, neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations, and waives oral hearing and further procedure. The complainant and respondent Paige Edwards consent and agree to the entry of this decision for the purpose of settling these proceedings as to respondent Paige Edwards, and resolving any and all other alleged or potential violations of the Act by her occurring up to and including September 2, 2018. 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 Paige Edwards is an individual residing in [REDACTED] 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)(Regulations).

2. On or about August 25, 2012, respondent Paige Edwards entered a horse (I'm Tex-Anna) for showing in class 73B in a horse show in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

Conclusions of Law

Respondent Paige Edwards 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 Paige Edwards is disqualified for four months, beginning September 2, 2018, and ending January 1, 2019, from showing, exhibiting, or entering any horse, directly or indirectly through any agent, employee, or other device, and from judging, managing or otherwise

participating¹ in any horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction, directly or indirectly through any agent, employee, or other device.

2. Respondent Paige Edwards is assessed a civil penalty of \$550, which shall be paid by March 1, 2019, by check made payable to USDA/APHIS, indicating that the payment is in reference to HPA Docket No. 14-0011, and sent to:

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

The provisions of this order shall be final and effective as of September 2, 2018. This order may be executed in counterparts. Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.


Paige Edwards
Respondent


Colleen A. Carroll
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.,
this 14 day of Feb 2019


Jill S. Clifton
Administrative Law Judge

¹"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.