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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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In re:	)	HPA Docket No. 14-0007
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GARY EDWARDS,	)	
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Respondent.	)	
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In re:	)	HPA Docket No. 14-0015
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GARY EDWARDS,	)	
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Respondent.	)	
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In re:	)	HPA Docket No. 17-0178
	)	HPA Docket No. 17-0179
	)	HPA Docket No. 17-0184
	)	
GARY EDWARDS, an individual;	)	
LARRY EDWARDS, an individual; and	)	
KING MOORE, an individual, also known	)	
as SLIM MOORE,	)	
	)	
Respondents .	)	CONSENT DECISION AND
	)	ORDER AS TO RESPONDENT
	)	GARY 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 30, 2013, and January 17, 2017, alleging that the respondents violated the Act.

Respondent Gary Edwards admits the jurisdictional allegations in the complaints as to him, specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, 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 these proceedings as to respondent Gary Edwards, and resolving any and all other alleged or potential violations of the Act by him 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 Gary 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).

2. On August 26, 2010, respondent Gary Edwards showed a horse (Victoria's Secret) in class 30 in a horse show in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

3. On August 29, 2012, respondent Gary Edwards showed a horse (Generating the Command) in class 129A in a horse show in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

4. On or about August 25, 2016, respondent Gary Edwards entered a horse (The World Cup) for showing in class 25 in a horse show in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

5. On August 27, 2016, respondent Gary Edwards entered a horse (Honors) for showing in class 84B in a horse show in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

6. On August 31, 2016, respondent Gary Edwards showed a horse (I'm Judge Roy Bean) in class 137 in a horse show in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

7. On September 3, 2016, respondent Gary Edwards entered a horse (Honors) for showing in class 190 in a horse show in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

#### Conclusion of Law

Respondent Gary 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.

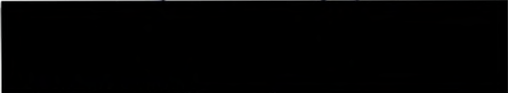
#### Order

Respondent Gary Edwards is disqualified for three years, beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2025, from showing, exhibiting, or entering any horse, directly or indirectly


through any agent, employee, or other device, and from judging, managing or otherwise participating<sup>1</sup> in any horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction, directly or indirectly through any agent, employee, or other device.

The provisions of this order shall become final and effective on March 1, 2019. This order may be executed in counterparts. Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

  
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Colleen A. Carroll  
Attorney for Complainant

  
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Gary Edwards  
Respondent

Done at Washington, D.C.,  
this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2019

  
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Jill S. Clifton  
Administrative Law Judge

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<sup>1</sup>“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.