

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:) HPA Docket No. 17-0143
) HPA Docket No. 17-0147
DIANA CRUSE, an individual;) HPA Docket No. 17-0152
PAM HENDRICKSON, an individual; and)
PAUL DAVID ROBBINS, an individual,)
)
Respondents.) CONSENT DECISION AND
) ORDER AS TO RESPONDENT
) PAM HENDRICKSON

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This proceeding was instituted under the Horse Protection Act (15 U.S.C. § 1821 *et seq.*) (HPA or Act), by a complaint filed by the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture (APHIS), on January 12, 2017, alleging that the respondents violated the Act.

Respondent Pam Hendrickson admits the jurisdictional allegations in the complaint as to her, specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations, waives oral hearing and further procedure, waives all rights to seek judicial review and otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this decision, including waiving challenges to the Administrative Law Judge's authority to enter this Decision and Order under the Administrative Procedure Act and the Constitution of the United States, and waives any action against the United States Department of Agriculture under the Equal Access to Justice Act of 1980 (5 U.S.C. § 504 *et seq.*) for fees and other expenses incurred by respondent in connection with this proceeding or any action against any USDA employee in their individual capacity.

The parties consent and agree to the entry of this decision for the purpose of settling this proceeding as to respondent Hendrickson, and resolving any and all other alleged or potential

violations of the Act by her occurring up to and including November 30, 2019. 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 Pam Hendrickson 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 or about September 1, 2016, respondent Pam Hendrickson allowed the entry of a horse she owned (Admission Is a Dollar), for showing in class 149 in a horse show in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

Conclusion of Law

Respondent Pam Hendrickson 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 Pam Hendrickson is disqualified for eight months, beginning December 1, 2019, and ending July 31, 2020, 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

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.

through any agent, employee, or other device.

The provisions of this order shall become final and effective on issuance. Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

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Paul Hendrickson
Respondent

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Thomas B. Kakassy
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Ciarra A. Toomey
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.,
this 4th day of November, 2019
December

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Chief Administrative Law Judge
on Behalf of Jill S. Clifton
Administrative Law Judge