

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:) HPA Docket No. 15-0097
)
 Philip Trimble, an individual,)
)
 Respondent.)

AMENDED CONSENT DECISION AND ORDER

The Consent Decision and Order issued on April 10, 2019 is amended by changing the disqualification dates for respondent Philip Trimble as provided for in this Order.

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 (USDA), on April 9, 2015, alleging the respondent violated the Act.

Respondent Philip Trimble 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 Philip Trimble 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 Philip Trimble is an individual residing in *** and at all times mentioned herein was a “person” and “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 March 30, 2013, Respondent Philip Trimble entered a horse (Main Sweetie) for showing in Class 84 in a horse show in Jackson, Mississippi.

Conclusion of Law

Respondent Philip Trimble 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 Philip Trimble is disqualified for two years, beginning December 15, 2020, and ending December 15, 2022, 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.

The provisions of this order shall become final and effective on the date the order is issued by the judge. This order may be executed in counterparts. Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.


Philip Trimble
Respondent


Tracey Manoff
Attorney for Complainant

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.

Done at Washington, D.C.

this 21 day of AUG 2020



Jill S. Clifton
Administrative Law Judge