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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:) [HPA]
) Docket No. **14-0008**
Paige Edwards)
)
Respondent) **DISMISSAL**

Appearances:

Darlene M. Bolinger, Esq., with the Office of the General Counsel, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington DC, for the Complainant (APHIS)¹; and

L. Thomas Austin, Esq., Austin Davis & Mitchell, Dunlap, TN, for Respondent Paige Edwards.

During a Hearing on May 18, 2016, in Shelbyville, Tennessee, concerning a horse known as "A Victoria Secret" and the 2010 National Celebration, APHIS, through counsel Ms. Bolinger, moved to dismiss the Complaint as to Respondent Paige Edwards. Ms. Paige Edwards, through counsel Mr. Austin, agreed not to seek reimbursement of attorneys' fees.

Accordingly, I order the Complaint as to Respondent Paige Edwards in Docket No. 14-0008 DISMISSED, with prejudice [meaning the case as to her cannot be refiled].

Copies of this order dismissing case shall be sent by the Hearing Clerk to each of the parties (to Respondent Paige Edwards' counsel by certified mail; and to APHIS's counsel by in-person delivery to an Office of the General Counsel representative). The Hearing Clerk shall in addition send one courtesy copy by ordinary mail to L. Thomas Austin, Esq., and one courtesy copy by ordinary mail to John H. Norton III, Esq. and Alicia N. Napier, Esq. of The Norton Law Firm, P.C., Shelbyville, TN.

1. The Complainant is the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture ("APHIS" or "Complainant").

Done at Washington, D.C.
this 23rd day of May 2016



Jill S. Clifton
Administrative Law Judge

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