

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

Docket No. 13-0341

In re: Brandon Stout,  
Respondent



**Order of Dismissal**

On September 9, 2013, Kevin Shea, the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) filed a Complaint alleging that the Respondent had violated the Horse Protection Act, as amended (HPA or the Act), 15 U.S.C. §1821, *et seq.* A copy of the Complaint and the Rules of Practice were mailed by Certified Mail to the address provided for the Respondent on September 10, 2013. Delivery of the mail could not be effected and it was returned "Not Deliverable as Addressed."

On January 3, 2014, Assistant Hearing Clerk Carla M. Andrews completed a "Notice of Unsuccessful Service" in which Counsel for Complainant was requested to provide the Hearing Clerk with a current address for the Respondent, to effect personal service upon him, or to file a motion requesting dismissal of the action.

No further action having been taken, this matter is **DISMISSED** without prejudice.

Copies of this Order will be served upon the parties by the Hearing Clerk.

April 4, 2014



**Peter M. Davenport**  
Chief Administrative Law Judge