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BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE RECEIVED

In re:)	OFPA Docket No. 10-0171
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Certified Organic, Inc. and)	
Nanette D. Rambo,)	Consent Decision
)	and Order
)	
Respondents.)	

This proceeding was instituted under the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990, as amended, 7 U.S.C. § 6501 et seq. (OFPA), alleging that the respondents willfully violated the National Organic Program Regulations issued thereunder, 7 C.F.R. § 205.1 et seq. (NOP Regulations). 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).

The respondents admit the jurisdictional allegations as set forth herein and specifically admit that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admit nor deny the remaining allegations of the complaint, waive oral hearing and further procedure, and consent and agree, for the purpose of settling this proceeding and for such purpose only, to the entry of this decision.

The complainant agrees to the entry of this decision.

Conclusions

1. Respondent Certified Organic, Inc. is an Iowa corporation whose address is 500 First Street, Keosauqua, Iowa 52565, and on November 11, 2002, was accredited as a certifying

agent for the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Organic Program (NOP). Respondent Nanette D. Rambo is an individual whose principal place of business is 500 First Street, Keosauqua, Iowa 52565. Respondent Rambo is a responsibly connected party because she is the Certification Manager of respondent Certified Organic, Inc.

2. At all times material hereto, respondents were engaged in business as an accredited certifying agent for the NOP, and were subject to the NOP Regulations.

The respondents having admitted the jurisdictional facts and the parties having agreed to the entry of this decision, such decision will be entered.

Order

1. Respondents, their agents and employees, successors and assigns, directly or through any corporate or other device, shall not violate the OFPA and the Regulations issued thereunder.

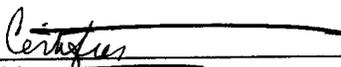
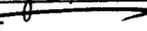
2. Respondents voluntarily agree to surrender their NOP accreditation for a period of three (3) years from the date of issuance of this Order.

3. Respondents agree not to apply for a NOP accreditation and agree that a NOP accreditation will not be issued to them by the NOP for a period of three (3) years from the date of issuance of this Order.

The provisions of this order shall become effective upon issuance.

Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

Certified Organic, Inc, by


Title - 
Respondent 


Nanette D. Rambo - owner / President
Respondent


Paul Miller
Attorney for Respondents


Frank Martin, Jr.
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.
this 7th day of January, 2010 


Administrative Law Judge /