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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:	)	HPA Docket No. 17-0142
	)	HPA Docket No. 17-0148
MIKE CHANDLER, an individual;	)	HPA Docket No. 17-0152
MARTHA MILLIGAN, an individual;	)	HPA Docket No. 17-0155
PAUL DAVID ROBBINS, an individual;	)	
and BILL WEBB, an individual,	)	
	)	
Respondents.	)	CONSENT DECISION AND
	)	ORDER AS TO BILL WEBB

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 Bill Webb admits the jurisdictional allegations as to him 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 Bill Webb, and resolving any and all other alleged or potential violations of the Act by him occurring up to and including September 4, 2017. 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 Bill Webb 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 Bill Webb allowed the entry of a horse

he owned (Line Up José), for the purpose of showing the horse, in class 158 in a horse show in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

Conclusion of Law

Respondent Bill Webb 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

1. Respondent Bill Webb is disqualified for four months, beginning January 1, 2018, and ending April 30, 2018, from showing, exhibiting, or entering any horse, directly or indirectly through any agent, employee, or other device, and from judging, managing or otherwise participating[1] in any horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction, directly or indirectly through any agent, employee, or other device.

2. Respondent Bill Webb is assessed a civil penalty of $550, which shall be paid by January 1, 2018, by check made payable to USDA/APHIS, indicating that the payment is in reference to HPA Docket No. 17-0155, and sent to:

USDA, APHIS, MISCELLANEOUS
P.O. Box 979043
St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000

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[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.

The provisions of this order shall be final and effective as of November 1, 2017. This order may be executed in counterparts. Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

[redacted]

Bill Webb
Respondent

Colleen A. Carroll
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.,
this 9 day of NOV 2017

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Jill S. Clifton
Administrative Law Judge

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