

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:

Keith Rabon and  
Rex Halstead,

Respondents.

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HPA Docket No.11-0429

Consent Decision  
and Order

**AND**

In re:

Keith Rabon,

Respondent.

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HPA Docket No. 11-0431

Consent Decision  
and Order

**AND**

In re:

Keith Rabon,  
Hoyt Rabon d/b/a Hoyt Rabon Stables, and  
Howard Bellamy,

Respondents.

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HPA Docket No. 11-0432

Consent Decision  
and Order

**AND**

In re:

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Hoyt Rabon d/b/a Hoyt Rabon Stables and	)	
Keith Rabon,	)	
	)	HPA Docket No. 11-0435
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Respondents.	)	Consent Decision and Order

**Consent Decision and Order as to Keith Rabon**

These proceedings were instituted under the Horse Protection Act ("Act"), as amended (15 U.S.C. §§ 1821-1831), by complaints filed by the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture, alleging that respondent Keith Rabon violated the Act. 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).

Respondent Keith Rabon admits the jurisdictional allegations in paragraph I of the complaints and specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in these matters, neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations, waives oral hearing and further procedure, and consents and agrees, 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.

### Findings of Fact

1. Respondent Keith Rabon is an individual whose mailing address is 7891 Louisville Road, Aynor, South Carolina 29511.
2. On July 12, 2008, respondent Keith Rabon entered for the purpose of showing or exhibiting the horse known as "Major's Extra Cash" as entry number 617 in class number 71, at the Land-O-The-Sky Summer Festival Horse Show in Asheville, North Carolina.
3. On July 13, 2007, respondent Keith Rabon entered for the purpose of showing or exhibiting the horse known as "Who's Ya Caddy" as entry number 345 in class number 31, at the Land-O-The-Sky Horse Show in Asheville, North Carolina.
4. On July 13, 2007, respondent Keith Rabon entered for the purpose of showing or exhibiting the horse known as "Then Came Sunday" as entry number 345 in class number 22, at the Land-O-The-Sky Horse Show in Asheville, North Carolina.
5. On July 12, 2008, respondent Keith Rabon entered for the purpose of showing or exhibiting the horse known as "My Major General" as entry number 52 in class number 58, at the Land-O-The-Sky Horse Show in Asheville, North Carolina.

### Conclusions

Respondent Keith Rabon having admitted the jurisdictional facts and the parties having agreed to the entry of this consolidated decision, such decision will be entered.

### Order

1. Respondent Keith Rabon is disqualified for three years from showing, exhibiting, or entering any horse, directly or indirectly through any agent, employee, or other device, and from judging, managing or otherwise participating in any horse show, horse exhibition, or horse

sale or auction. "Participating" means engaging in any activity beyond that of a spectator, 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.

This order shall have the same effect as if entered after a full hearing and shall become effective on the first day after service of this decision on the respondent Keith Rabon.

Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.



Keith Rabon  
Respondent



Frank Martin, Jr.  
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.  
this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2011



Administrative Law Judge