

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE



In re:) OFPA Docket No. 13-0187
)
R & R Trade International, Inc., t/a)
Orinoco Coffee & Tea, LTD.)
) Consent Decision
Respondent.) and Order

This proceeding was instituted under the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 6501-6522 (OFPA), alleging that the respondent willfully violated the National Organic Program Regulations issued thereunder, 7 C.F.R. §§ 205.1-205.699 (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 respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations as set forth herein and specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations of the complaint, 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.

Conclusions

1. R&R Trade International, Inc., is a corporation trading as Orinoco Coffee & Tea, LTD., hereinafter referred to as respondent. Pedro R. Ramirez is the registered agent whose mailing address is 7190 Oakland Mills Road, Unit 7, Columbia, Maryland 21046.

2. At all times material hereto, respondent was engaged in business as a certified organic operation, as defined in the OFPA, and became a certified operation on August 24, 2005, pursuant to an organic certificate issued by the Maryland Department of Agriculture, an

accredited certifying agent of the United States Department of Agriculture. On April 29, 2002, the Maryland Department of Agriculture was accredited by USDA as a certifying agent under the NOP Regulations.

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

Order

1. Respondent, its agents and employees, successors and assigns, directly or through any corporate or other device, shall cease and desist from violating the OFPA and the NOP Regulations issued thereunder.

2. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of \$11,000.00. \$2,000.00 of the assessed civil penalty shall be paid in 24 monthly installments consisting of 23 monthly installments of \$83.33 and one monthly installment of \$83.41 by a certified check or money order made payable to the Treasurer of the United States beginning on the first day of the month immediately following the effective date of this order and on the first day of every month thereafter. The remaining \$9,000.00 will be held in abeyance, provided that the respondent does not violate the OFPA and the NOP regulations and standards for a period of two years from the effective date of this order.

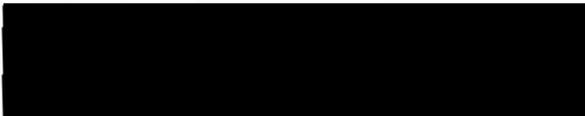
The provisions of this order shall become effective upon issuance.

Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.



R&R Trade International, Inc., /va
Orinoco Coffee & Tea, LTD.

Respondent PEDRO RAMIREZ / PRESIDENT



Buren W. Kidd
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.

this 15th day of July, 2013



Administrative Law Judge