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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:)	HPA Docket No.14-0110
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Andrew Simpson,)	
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Respondent)	Consent Decision and Order

This proceeding was instituted under the Horse Protection Act ("Act"), as amended (15 U.S.C. §§ 1821-1831), by a complaint filed by the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), United States Department of Agriculture, alleging that the respondent 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 Andrew Simpson admits the jurisdictional allegations in paragraph I of the Complaint and specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, does not admit or deny 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 Andrew Simpson is an individual whose mailing address is (b)

(b) (6)

2. On July 26, 2012, respondent entered for the purpose of showing or exhibiting the horse known as "Highway Alert" as entry number 438 in class number 23, at the Dickson County Saddle & Bridle Club Horse Show in Dickson, Tennessee.

Conclusions

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 Andrew Simpson is disqualified for eight (8) months, effective June 1, 2015 through January 31, 2016, 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 upon issuance on the respondent. Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

Andrew Simpson
Respondent



Ciarra Toomey
Attorney for Complainant



Done at Washington, D.C.
this 8 day of MAY, 2015



Administrative Law Judge

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