UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re: )

Jesus A. Lopez, )

Respondent ) Consent Decision

) A.Q. Docket No. 06-0009

This proceeding was instituted under the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. § 8301 et seq.) (the Act), by a complaint filed by the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service alleging that the respondent violated the Act and regulations promulgated thereunder (9 C.F.R. § 93.100 et seq.). The complainant and the respondent have agreed that this proceeding should be terminated by entry of this Consent Decision.

For the purposes of this Consent Decision only, the respondent specifically admits that the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations in the complaint, and admits to the Findings of Fact set forth below.

The Respondent waives:

(a) Any further procedure;

(b) Any requirement that the final decision in this proceeding contain findings and conclusions with respect to all material issues of fact, law, or discretion, as well as the reasons or bases thereof;

(c) All rights to seek judicial review and otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this decision; and

(d) Any action against the United States Department of Agriculture under the Equal Access to Justice Act of 1980 (5 U.S.C. § 504 et seq.) for fees and other expenses incurred by the respondent in connection with this proceeding.
Findings of Fact

1. Jesus A. Lopez, hereinafter referred to as the respondent, is an individual with a mailing address of 2812 W. Turney Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85017.

2. On or about August 16, 2002, two pet birds were brought into the United States from Mexico, as follows:
   a. The pet birds were not accompanied by a veterinary health certificate.
   b. The pet birds were not accompanied by an import permit.
   c. The pet birds were not offered for entry at one of the designated ports of entry.

Conclusions

The respondent has admitted the jurisdictional facts and has agreed to the following Order in disposition of this proceeding; therefore, this Consent Decision will be issued.

Order

The respondent, Jesus A. Lopez, is assessed a civil penalty of five hundred dollars ($500.00). The respondent shall send a certified check or money order for five hundred dollars ($500.00), payable to the Treasurer of the United States, to United States Department of Agriculture, APHIS, Accounts Receivable, P.O. Box 3334, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403, within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this Order. The certified check or money order should include the docket number of this proceeding.
This Order shall become effective when served on the respondent.

JESUS A. LOPEZ  
Respondent

THOMAS N. BOLICK  
Attorney for Complainant

Issued this 6th day of September, 2006  

at Washington, D.C.

Administrative Law Judge