

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:) AWA Docket No. 08-0050
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Northwest Airlines, Inc.,)
)
Respondent) Consent Decision
) and Order

This proceeding was instituted under the Animal Welfare Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.), by a complaint filed by the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture, alleging that the respondent violated the regulations and standards issued pursuant to the Act (9 C.F.R. § 1.1 et seq.). 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 in paragraph I of the complaint and specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, 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

- (a) Northwest Airlines, Inc., hereinafter referred to as respondent, is a corporation with offices located at 7500 Airline Drive, Dept. C5680, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55450-1101.
- (b) The respondent, at all times material herein, was a registered carrier under the Animal Welfare Act.

Conclusions

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. The respondent, its agents and employees, successors and assigns, directly or through any corporate or other device, shall not violate the Animal Welfare Act and the regulations and standards issued thereunder.

2. The complainant agrees that this decision and order represents the final resolution of the allegations contained in the complaint, and any other outstanding allegations as of the date this decision and order is issued, and that it shall not seek any further remedy with respect to such allegations through any provision of the Animal Welfare Act.

3. The respondent is assessed a civil penalty of \$10,000, which shall be paid by a certified check or money order made **payable to the Treasurer of the United States**.

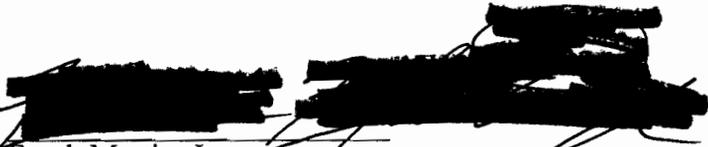
The provisions of this order shall become effective on the first day after service of this decision on the respondent.

Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

Northwest Airlines, Inc.
Respondent, by



Stanley S. Sandiford
Corporate Counsel



Frank Martin, Jr.
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.
this 2nd day of September, 2008


Administrative Law Judge