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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:	)	HPA Docket No. 17-0178
	)	HPA Docket No. 17-0179
GARY EDWARDS, an individual;	)	HPA Docket No. 17-0185
LARRY EDWARDS, an individual; and	)	
KING MOORE, an individual, also known	)	
as SLIM MOORE,	)	
	)	CONSENT DECISION AND
Respondents.	)	ORDER AS TO RESPONDENT
	)	LARRY EDWARDS

This proceeding was instituted under the Horse Protection Act (15 U.S.C. § 1821 *et seq.*) (HPA or Act), by a complaint filed by the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture, on January 17, 2017, alleging that the respondents violated the Act.

Respondent Larry Edwards admits the jurisdictional allegations in the complaint as to him, specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, denies the remaining allegations, and waives oral hearing and further procedure. The parties consent and agree to the entry of this decision for the purpose of settling this proceeding as to respondent Larry Edwards, and resolving any and all other alleged or potential violations of the Act by him occurring up to and including September 2, 2018. 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).

Findings of Fact

1. Respondent Larry Edwards is an individual residing in [redacted] and at all times mentioned herein was a "person" and an "exhibitor," as those terms are defined in the regulations promulgated under the Act (9 C.F.R. Parts 11 and 12).

2. On or about August 25, 2016, respondent Larry Edwards entered a horse (I'm Into

Cash) for showing in class 32 in a horse show in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

3. On August 27, 2016, respondent Larry Edwards entered a horse (Honors) for showing in class 84B in a horse show in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

4. On September 3, 2016, respondent Larry Edwards entered a horse (Honors) for showing in class 190 in a horse show in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

Conclusion of Law

Respondent Larry Edwards having admitted the findings of fact set forth above, and the parties having agreed to the entry of this decision, such decision will be entered.

Order

Respondent Larry Edwards is disqualified for three years, beginning September 2, 2019, and ending September 1, 2022, from showing, exhibiting, or entering any horse, directly or indirectly through any agent, employee, or other device, and from judging, managing or otherwise participating[1] in any horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction, directly or indirectly through any agent, employee, or other device.

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[1]"Participating" means engaging in any activity beyond that of a spectator in connection with a horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction, 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.

The provisions of this order shall become final and effective on March 1, 2019. This order may be executed in counterparts. Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

Colleen A. Carroll
Attorney for Complainant

Larry Edwards
Respondent

Done at Washington, D.C.,
this 21 day of February 2019

Jill S. Clifton
Administrative Law Judge