

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BEFORE THE
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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In re:)
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L2 Cattle Corporation Inc.,)
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And)
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Ronnie Lewis,)
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Respondents)

P. & S. Docket No. 19-J-0052

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Consent Decision

Preliminary Statement

This proceeding was instituted under the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, as amended and supplemented (7 U.S.C. § 181 *et seq.*) (Act) and the regulations promulgated thereunder by the Secretary of Agriculture (9 C.F.R. § 201 *et seq.*) (regulations), by a Complaint filed by the Deputy Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Fair Trade Practices Program, Packers and Stockyards Division (Complainant). The Complaint alleged that Respondents willfully violated the Act and the regulations. Complainant and Respondent have agreed to entry of this Consent Decision, without hearing or further procedure, pursuant to the consent decision provisions of the Rules of Practice Governing Formal Adjudicatory Proceedings Instituted by the Secretary Under Various Statutes (7 C.F.R. § 1.138) (Rules of Practice).

Respondents admit the jurisdictional allegations in the complaint and specifically admit that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admit nor deny the remaining allegations, waive all rights to seek judicial review and otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this decision, including waiving challenges to the Administrative Law Judge's authority to enter this Decision and Order under the Administrative Procedure Act and the Constitution of the United States, and waive 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 Respondents in connection with this proceeding or any action against any USDA employee in their individual capacity. Respondents consent and agree, for the purpose of settling this proceeding and for such purpose only, to the entry of this Consent Decision.

Complainant agrees to the entry of this decision.

Findings of Fact

(a) L2 Cattle Corporation, Inc. (hereinafter "Respondent L2") is a corporation whose mailing address is 13645 Riada Way, Dade City, FL. 335535.

(b) Ronnie Lewis (hereinafter "Respondent Lewis") is an individual whose mailing address is (b) (6) Respondent Lewis is 100% owner of Respondent L2, and at all times material herein directed, managed, and controlled Respondent L2.

(c) At all times material herein, Respondents were:

(1) Engaged in the business of buying and selling livestock in commerce as a dealer for their own account; and

(2) Registered with the Secretary of Agriculture as a dealer to buy and sell livestock in commerce for their own account.

Conclusions

Respondents, having admitted the jurisdictional facts and the parties having agreed to the entry of this Consent Decision, this Consent Decision will be entered.

Order

Respondents, its agents and employees, successors and assigns, directly or through any device, in connection with Respondents' activities subject to the Act, shall cease and desist from:

1. Failing to pay the full purchase price for livestock purchased and failing to pay, when due, the full purchase price of livestock violation of section 409 of the Act (7 U.S.C. §§ 213(a), 228b).

In accordance with section 312(b) of the Act (7 U.S.C. § 213(b)), Respondents are hereby suspended as registrants under the Act for a period of five (years).

This Order shall have the same force and effect as if entered after full hearing. The provisions of this Order shall become final and effective upon on the sixth (6th) day after service of this Consent Decision and Order on the Respondent.

L2 Cattle Corporation, Inc.

Respondent

By: [REDACTED]

Title: President/Owner

[REDACTED]
Ronnie Lewis,
Respondent

CHRISTOPHER
YOUNG [REDACTED]

Christopher Young
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.,

this 28th Day of February 2019

Chief

Administrative Law Judge

Channing D. Strother

Order

Respondents, its agents and employees, successors and assigns, directly or through any device, in connection with Respondents' activities subject to the Act, shall cease and desist from:

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Respondent

Christopher Young
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.,

this 22 Day of Feb., 20189

Administrative Law Judge