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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:)	HPA Docket No. 17-0135
)	HPA Docket No. 17-0136
RAY JONES TRUCKING, INC., a)	IIPA Docket No. 17-0137
Kentucky corporation; JIMMY REECE, an)	
individual; and CHAD WAY, an individual,)	
)	CONSENT DECISION AND
Respondents.)	ORDER AS TO RESPONDENT
)	RAY JONES TRUCKING, INC.

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 (APHIS), on January 11, 2017, alleging that the respondents violated the Act.

Respondent Ray Jones Trucking, Inc., admits the jurisdictional allegations in the complaint, specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admits nor 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 Ray Jones Trucking, Inc., and resolving any and all other alleged or potential violations of the Act by it 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 Ray Jones Trucking, Inc., is a Kentucky corporation, 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 September 3, 2016, Ray Jones Trucking, Inc., allowed the entry of a

horse it owned (Ironworks Tin Man) for the purpose of showing the horse, in class 179 in a horse show in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

Conclusion of Law

Respondent Ray Jones Trucking, Inc., 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

1. Respondent Ray Jones Trucking, Inc., is disqualified for four months, beginning January 1, 2020, and ending April 30, 2020^{ZEDS}, from showing, exhibiting, or entering any horse, directly or indirectly through any agent, employee, or other device, and from judging, managing or otherwise participating¹ in any horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction, directly or indirectly through any agent, employee, or other device.

2. Respondent Ray Jones Trucking, Inc., is assessed a civil penalty of \$550, which shall be paid by January 1, 2020, by check made payable to USDA/APHIS, indicating that the payment is in reference to HPA Docket No. 17-0135, and sent to:

USDA, APHIS, MISCELLANEOUS
P.O. Box 979043
St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000

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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 May 30, 2019. This order may be executed in counterparts. Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

RAY JONES TRUCKING, INC.,
Respondent



By _____
Its _____

Jack Hollington
Attorney for Respondent



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Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.,
this 15th day of May 2019



Channing D. Strother
Chief Administrative Law Judge