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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:) [HPA]
) Docket No. **17-0034**
Gayle Holcomb, an individual)
)
Respondent.) **Dismissal With Prejudice**

Appearances:

Leah Battaglioli, Esq., with the Office of the General Counsel, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC 20250-1400, for the Complainant (APHIS);¹ and

Karin Cagle, Esq., 1619 Pennsylvania Ave, Fort Worth, TX 76104, for the Respondent Gayle Holcomb.

APHIS's "Amended Complaint" filed July 17, 2019, insofar as it concerns the Respondent Gayle Holcomb; and the "Amended Answer of Respondent Gayle Holcomb" filed August 7, 2019, concern a horse named The Golden Sovereign on or about August 27, 2016.

APHIS's "Motion to Dismiss Claims Against Respondent Gayle Holcomb" filed December 27, 2019 requested that the claims against Gayle Holcomb in Docket No. **17-0034** be dismissed "as it has been determined that it is unnecessary to pursue the claims against Gayle Holcomb in order to effectuate the purposes of the program involved" (under the Horse Protection Act).

Accordingly, Docket No. **17-0034** regarding Gayle Holcomb is DISMISSED with prejudice.

Copies of this order "Dismissal With Prejudice" shall be sent by the Hearing Clerk to each of the parties.

1. The Complainant is the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture ("APHIS" or "Complainant").

Issued at Washington DC this 6th day of February 2020



Jill S. Clifton
Administrative Law Judge

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