United States Department of Agriculture
Before the Secretary of Agriculture

In re: P. O. Docket No. 06-0007
Florida West International Airways
Respondent

Consent Decision

This proceeding was instituted under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. §§ 7701 et seq.) (Act), by a complaint filed by the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service alleging that the respondent violated the Act. Respondent has agreed that this proceeding should be terminated by entry of the Consent Decision set forth below, and has agreed to the following stipulations:

1. For the purpose of this stipulation, and the provisions of this Consent Decision only, the respondent admits specifically that the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations in the complaint, admits to the Findings of Fact set forth below, and waives:

   (a) Any further procedure;
   (b) Any requirement that the final decision in this proceeding contain findings and conclusions with respect to all material issues of fact, law, or discretion, as well as the reasons or bases thereof; and
   (c) All rights to seek judicial review and otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this decision.

2. The respondent also stipulates and agrees that the United States Department of Agriculture is the "prevailing party" in this proceeding and waives any action against the United

Findings of Fact

1. Florida West International Airways, herein referred to as respondent, is a company with a business address of 6640 N.W. 22nd Street, Suite 216, Building 707, Miami, Florida, 33122, and a mailing address of P.O. Box 025752, Miami, Florida 33102-5752.

2. On or about November 4, 2003, the respondent failed to present Animal and Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine Program officers with adequate notice of the time of arrival of an international flight.

Conclusion

The respondent having admitted the jurisdictional facts, and having agreed to the provisions set forth in the following Order in disposition of this proceeding, such Order and Decision will be issued.
Order

The respondent, Florida West International Airways, Inc., is assessed a civil penalty of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00). This penalty shall be payable to the “Treasure of the United States” by certified check or money order, and shall be forwarded to:

United States Department of Agriculture
APHIS Field Servicing Office
Accounting Section
P.O. Box 3334
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403

within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this Order. Respondent shall indicate that payment is in reference to P.Q. Docket No. 06-0007.

This Order shall become effective the day upon which service of this Order is made upon the respondent.

CARLOS TORNERO
Representative for Respondent
Florida West International Airways

CARLYNNE S. COCHRAN
Attorney for Complainant

Issued this __ day of ___, 2005
In Washington, D.C.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
PETER M. DAVENPORT