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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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In re:	)	HPA Docket 17-0196
	)	HPA Docket 17-0197
ALIAS FAMILY INVESTMENTS, LLC,	)	HPA Docket 17-0199
a Mississippi limited liability company;	)	HPA Docket 17-0201
MARGARET ANNE ALIAS, an individual;	)	HPA Docket 17-0202
TAMMY BARCLAY, an individual;	)	HPA Docket 17-0203
NOEL BOTSCH, an individual;	)	HPA Docket 17-0205
LYNSEY DENNEY, an individual;	)	HPA Docket 17-0206
MIKKI ELDRIDGE, an individual;	)	HPA Docket 17-0208
JEFFREY GREEN, an individual;	)	HPA Docket 17-0209
WILLIAM TY IRBY, an individual;	)	HPA Docket 17-0210
JOYCE MEADOWS, an individual;	)	
✓ JOYCE H. MYERS, an individual; and	)	
LIBBY STEPHENS, an individual,	)	
	)	CONSENT DECISION AND
Respondents.	)	ORDER AS TO RESPONDENT
	)	JOYCE MYERS

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 February 3, 2017, alleging that the respondents violated the Act.

Respondent Joyce Myers 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 Myers, and resolving any and all other alleged or potential violations of the Act by her occurring up to and including September 4, 2017. 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).

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### Findings of Fact

1. Respondent Joyce Myers 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 August 25, 2016, respondent Joyce Myers allowed the entry of a horse she owned (I’m Tampa Bay), for the purpose of showing the horse, in class 25 in a horse show in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

### Conclusion of Law

Respondent Joyce Myers 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 Joyce Myers is disqualified for four months, beginning January 1, 2018, and ending April 30, 2018, from showing, exhibiting, or entering any horse, directly or indirectly through any agent, employee, or other device, and from judging, managing or otherwise participating<sup>1</sup> in any horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction, directly or indirectly through any agent, employee, or other device.

2. Respondent Joyce Myers is assessed a civil penalty of \$550, which shall be paid by October 1, 2017, by check made payable to USDA/APHIS, indicating that the payment is in reference to HPA Docket No. 17-0209, and sent to:

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<sup>1</sup>“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.

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The provisions of this order shall become final and effective as of September 4, 2017.

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

[Redacted Signature]

Joyce Myers  
Respondent

[Redacted Signature]

Thomas B. Kakassy  
Attorney for Respondent

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Colleen A. Carroll  
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.  
this 26<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 2017

[Redacted Signature] CALJ  
Channing P. Strother  
Administrative Law Judge

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Respondent



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Thomas B. Kakassy  
Attorney for Respondent

Done at Washington, D.C.,  
this 20 day of Sept, 2017



*CS*  
Channing D. Strother  
Administrative Law Judge

*CAJ*

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Joyce Meadows and Joyce Myers, Respondents

Docket: 17-0208 and 17-0209

Having personal knowledge of the foregoing, I declare under penalty of perjury that the information herein is true and correct and this is to certify that a copy of the CONSENT DECISION AND ORDER AS TO RESPONDENT JOYCE MEADOWS and CONSENT DECISION AND ORDER AS TO RESPONDENT JOYCE MYERS has been furnished and was served upon the following parties on September 28, 2017 by the following:

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