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# 2012 SEP 27 M IO: 29 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:

Double H Cattle Co., LLC, Todd Holstein and Tyler Holstein,

Respondents

P. & S. Docket No. 12-0631

Decision without Hearing by Reason of Consent

This proceeding was instituted under the Packers and Stockyards Act (the "Act") (7 U.S.C. §§ 181 <u>et seq</u>.), by a complaint filed by the Deputy Administrator, Packers and Stockyards Program, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA), United States Department of Agriculture, alleging that respondents Double H Cattle Co., LLC ("Double H"), Todd Holstein, and Tyler Holstein violated the Act. This decision is entered pursuant to the consent decision provision of the rules of practice applicable to this proceeding (7 C.F.R. § 1.138).

Respondents admit the jurisdictional allegations in paragraph I of the complaint and specifically admit that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admit nor deny the remaining allegations, waive oral hearing and further procedure, and consents and agrees, for the purpose of settling this proceeding and for such purpose only, to the entry of this decision.

The complainant agrees to the entry of this decision.

## Findings of Fact

(a) Double H Cattle Co., LLC, referred to herein as respondent Double H, is a company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas, with a business mailing address of 16401 Dove Meadow Road, Canyon, Texas 79015-5623.

(b) Respondent Double H is, and at all times material herein was:

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

(2) Not registered with the Secretary of Agriculture.

(c) Todd Holstein and Tyler Holstein, referred to herein as the individual respondents, are individuals whose business mailing address is 16401 Dove Meadow Road, Canyon, Texas 79015-5623.

(d) The individual respondents are, and at all times material herein were:

- (1) Owners of Respondent Double H;
- (2) Responsible for the direction, management and control of Respondent DoubleH;
- (3) Dealers within the meaning of and subject to the provisions of the Act; and
- (4) Not registered with the Secretary of Agriculture.

#### **Conclusions**

The respondents having admitted the jurisdictional facts and the parties having agreed to the entry of this decision, such decision will be entered.

### <u>Order</u>

Respondents, their agents and employees, directly or through any corporate or other device, in connection with their operations subject to the Act, shall cease and desist from failing to pay, when due, the full purchase of livestock, and from issuing insufficient funds checks, as required by section 312(a) and 409 of the Act (7 U.S.C. § 213(a) and 228b). Respondents are prohibited from engaging in business subject to the Act for a period of three (3) years and continuing thereafter until the respondent demonstrates to the Packers and Stockyards Program that respondents are in full compliance with the Act. 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 on the sixth (6th) day after service of this Consent Decision and Order on the respondents (7 C.F.R. § 1.138).

Copies of this decision and order shall be served upon the parties.

Harley D. Caudle Attorney for Respondents

Lisa Jabaily Attorney for Complainant

> Done at Washington, D.C. this  $27^{-1}$  day of  $\sqrt{7} \times \sqrt{7}$ , 2012

Administrative Law Judge

