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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:)	HPA Docket 13-0373
)	HPA Docket 14-0200
JIMMY MCCONNELL;)	HPA Docket 13-0375
FORMAC STABLES, INC.; and)	
MOLLY WALTERS,)	
)	
Respondents.)	CONSENT DECISION AND ORDER AS TO MOLLY WALTERS

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 September 23, 2013, and amended on September 18, 2014, alleging that the respondents violated the Act.

Respondent Molly Walters admits the jurisdictional allegations in the amended 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 Walters, and resolving any and all other alleged or potential violations of the Act by her occurring up to and including August 27, 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).

Findings of Fact

1. Respondent Molly Walters 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 or about August 27, 2011, respondent Walters allowed the entry of a horse she owned (Dark and Shady), for the purpose of showing the horse, in class 80B in a horse show in

Shelbyville, Tennessee.

Conclusion of Law

Respondent Walters 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 Walters is disqualified for six months, beginning September 4, 2017, and ending March 3, 2018, 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 Walters is assessed a civil penalty of \$550, which shall be paid by September 29, 2017, by check made payable to USDA/APHIS, indicating that the payment is in reference to HPA Docket No. 13-0375, 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 August 27, 2017. This order may be executed in counterparts. Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

[Redacted]

Molly Walters
Respondent

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Karin Cagle
Attorney for Respondent

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Colleen A. Carroil
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.,
this 5th day of October 2017

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ALS on behalf of

Acting Chief

Jill S. Clifton
Administrative Law Judge