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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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In re:)	P. & S. Docket No. D-00-0010
)	
Mark A. Miller d/b/a)	
Miller Cattle Company)	
)	
Respondent)	Consent Decision

This proceeding was instituted under the Packers and Stockyards Act (7 U.S.C. § 181 et seq.), by a complaint filed by the Deputy Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, alleging that the Respondent wilfully violated the Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder (9 C.F.R. § 201.1 et seq.). 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).

The Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations in paragraph I of the complaint and specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations, waives 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

(1) Mark A. Miller, doing business as Miller Cattle Company hereinafter referred to as the Respondent, is an individual whose business mailing address is P.O. Box 1776, Dodge City, KS 67801.

(2) Respondent is, and at all times material herein was:

(a) Engaged in the business of a market agency buying on commission, and as a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account;

(b) Registered with the Secretary of Agriculture as a market agency to buy and sell livestock in commerce on a commission basis, and as a dealer to buy and sell livestock in commerce for his own account.

(3) On February 17, 1999, in P&S Docket No. D-98-029 Respondent consented to an Order to cease and desist from engaging in business in any capacity for which bonding is required under the Act and regulations without filing and maintaining a reasonable bond or its equivalent.

Conclusions

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

Order

Respondent Mark A. Miller, his agents and employees, directly or indirectly through any corporate or other device, in connection with his operations subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act, shall cease and desist from engaging in business in any capacity for which bonding is required under the Packers and Stockyards Act, as amended and supplemented, and the regulations, without filing and maintaining an adequate bond or its equivalent, as required by the Act and the regulations.

In accordance with section 312(b) of the Act (7 U.S.C. § 213(b)), respondent is hereby assessed a civil penalty in the amount of Three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00).

This order shall have the same force and effect as if entered after full hearing and shall become effective on the sixth day after service of this order on the Respondent.

Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

Mark A. Miller
Mark A. Miller
Respondent

Mary Hobbie
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Attorney for Complainant

Issued this 22nd day of January 2000

Imre A. Baker
Administrative Law Judge