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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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| In re: | |
| Dillon Cattle, LLC and | P&S No. 26-J-0045 |
| Sean Dillon, | P&S No. 26-J-0046 |
| Respondents. | **Consent Decision and Order** |

This proceeding was instituted under the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, as amended and supplemented (7 U.S.C. § 181 et seq.) (Act), by a Complaint filed by the Deputy Administrator, Fair Trade Practices Program, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), United States Department of Agriculture, alleging that the Respondents violated the Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder (9 C.F.R. § 201.1 et seq.). This Consent Decision and Order 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 the Complaint and specifically admit that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter; neither admit nor deny the remaining allegations of the Complaint; waive any and all rights or defenses the Respondents have for the matter to be adjudicated in a federal district court in the first instance, including any associated right to a jury trial; waive oral hearing and further procedure; waive all rights to seek judicial review or otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this decision, including challenges to the Administrative Law Judge's authority to enter this Consent Decision and Order under the Administrative Procedure Act or the Constitution of the United States; and waive any action against the United States Department of Agriculture under the Equal Access to Justice Act of

1980 (5 U.S.C. § 504 et seq.) for fees and other expenses incurred by Respondents in connection with this proceeding or any action against any USDA employee in their individual capacity.

Respondents consent and agree, for the purpose of settling this proceeding, to the entry of this Consent Decision and Order. Nothing contained herein shall act or be construed as a determination, finding, or order regarding personal liability pertaining to or against Respondents, other than that Respondents must abide by the terms of this Consent Decision and Order as stated below and as required by the Act. Complainant agrees to the entry of this Consent Decision and Order.

## Findings of Fact

1. Dillon Cattle, LLC (Respondent Dillon Cattle) is a limited liability company organized and existing under New York law. Respondent Dillon Cattle's mailing address is 2712 Evans Road, Eaton, New York 13334.

2. Respondent Dillon Cattle is, and at all times material herein was:

    a. engaged in the business of a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce; and

    b. registered with the Secretary of Agricultural as a dealer to buy and sell livestock in commerce.

3. Sean Dillon (Respondent Dillon) is an individual whose business mailing address is 2712 Evans Road, Eaton, New York 13334.

4. Respondent Dillon is, and at all times material herein was:

    a. the sole, 100 percent owner of Respondent Dillon Cattle;

    b. responsible for the direction, management, and control of Respondent Dillon Cattle;

c. engaged in the business of a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce; and

d. a dealer within the meaning of and subject to the provisions of the Act.

## Conclusions of Law

Respondents having admitted the jurisdictional facts, and the parties having agreed to the entry of this Consent Decision and Order, this Consent Decision and Order will be entered.

## Order

Respondents, directly or through any corporate or other device, in connection with any operations subject to the Act, shall cease and desist from failing to pay and failing to pay when due the full purchase price of livestock.

Respondents shall pay a civil penalty of $48,027.53 within one year of the execution of this Consent Decision and Order. However, the civil penalty shall be abated, dollar-for-dollar, by the amount(s) Respondents pay to the livestock seller(s) listed in the Complaint, provided that Respondents make the payments to the livestock seller(s) before the expiration of the one year period specified above. Any amount not paid to the seller(s) within one year shall be paid as a civil penalty using the Federal Government's secure payment website, https://www.pay.gov.[1] Notifications of payments or questions may be directed to PSDWashingtonDC@usda.gov.

If the full amount, as described above, is not paid within one year to the livestock seller(s) listed in the Complaint, Respondent Dillon Cattle will be immediately suspended as a registrant for a period of three years (or until the full amount is paid to either the seller(s) or to the U.S. Bank as stated above). Complainant will be the final arbiter of whether payment has

[1] When prompted to enter the Account Number associated with the payment, please enter the docket number(s) for this action. For additional payment assistance, please contact the AMS Helpline by leaving a voicemail at 877-777-2128 or by emailing SM.AMSHelpline@usda.gov.

been made. If the amount as stated above is paid within one year, Respondent Dillon Cattle's registration will not be suspended and the case will be closed without further proceedings.

Furthermore, Respondents shall operate subject to the Act only with a bond in the proper form and amount.

This Consent Decision and Order shall have the same force and effect as if entered after a full hearing. The provisions of this Consent Decision and Order shall become effective upon issuance. Copies of this Consent Decision and Order shall be served on the parties.

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~~Chief~~ Administrative Law Judge