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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:	
Gary Seals, d.b.a. Gary Seals Livestock	Docket No. D-26-J-0027
Respondent	

Consent Decision and Order

This proceeding was instituted under the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921, as amended and supplemented (7 U.S.C. §§ 181 *et seq.)* (the "Act"), and the regulations promulgated thereunder by the Secretary of Agriculture (9 C.F.R. § 201.1 *et seq.)* (the "Regulations"), by a Complaint filed on April 6, 2026 by the Acting Deputy Administrator of the Packers and Stockyards Division, Fair Trade Practices Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, United States Department of Agriculture ("Complainant"). The Complaint alleges that the Respondent named herein willfully violated the Act and Regulations. This Consent Decision and Order ("Consent Decision") is entered pursuant to the consent decision provision of the Rules of Practice applicable to this proceeding (7 C.F.R. § 1.138).

Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations specified in paragraph I of the Complaint and specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter. Respondent neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations. Respondent waives any and all rights or defenses the Respondent have or might 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 further procedure or oral hearing, waive all rights to seek judicial review in any court of competent jurisdiction and otherwise challenge or contest the validity of

Consent Decision, including waiving challenges to the Administrative Law Judge's authority to enter this Consent Decision under the Administrative Procedure Act and 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.

Respondent consents and agrees, for the purpose of settling this matter, to the entry of this Consent Decision as set forth herein. Complainant agrees to the entry of this Consent Decision.

Findings of Fact

(a) Respondent Gary Seals, d.b.a. Gary Seals Livestock is an individual with a business mailing address of PO Box 935, Dunlap TN 37327.

(b) At all times material to this Consent, Gary Seals is:

(1) Engaged in the business of a livestock dealer, buying and selling livestock for his own account or the account of others

(2) Engaged in the business of a market agency, buying livestock on a commission basis for the account of others.

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

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

(a) Respondent, his agents and employees, directly or through any corporate or other device, in connection with their operations subject to the Act, shall desist and from:

(1) failing to pay the full amount of the purchase price before the close of the next business day following the purchase of livestock and transfer of possession as required by Section 409 and 312(a) of the Act; and

(2) issuing checks for payment of livestock on an account upon which the checks are drawn without having sufficient funds on deposit to pay the full amount when presented.

(b) In accordance with section 312 of the Act (7 U.S.C. § 213), Respondent is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of twelve thousand dollars ($12,000). The civil penalty shall be paid in monthly one thousand-dollar ($1,000) installments over the course of twelve consecutive months on the 1st of each month beginning on July 1, 2026. The civil penalty shall be made via the following methods:

(1) Certified check or money order made payable to the Treasurer of the United States and sent to USDA, AMS, General, PO Box 790257, St. Louis, Missouri 63179-0257. Ther certified check or money order must include reference to Respondent's docket number: P&S Docket No. D-26-J-0028; or

(2) Online payment through PAY.GOV using the following payment methods: Bank Account (SCH), PayPal Account; Venmo Account, or Credit or Debit Card. If payments are made using PAY.GOV, Respondent must provide proof of payment via e-mail to PSDWashingtonDC@usda.gov with reference to Respondent's docket number: P&S Docket No. D-26-J-0028.

This Order shall have the same force and effect as if entered after a full hearing. The provisions of this Order shall become effective on the da after service of this Order on Respondents.

Copies of this Consent Decision and Order shall be served upon the p rties.

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Respondent Gary Seals

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Lynn Tarpy
Attorne for Respondent

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Administrative Law Judge

Done this day: June 18, 2026