UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:	
Cabritos Garza Corporation	P&S Docket No. 26-J-0074
And	
Gerardo Garza,	P&S Docket No. 26-J-0075
Respondents.	Consent Decision and Order

REC'D - USDA/OALJ/HCO
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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 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 the complaint and specifically admit that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admit nor deny the remaining allegations as set forth herein as findings of fact and conclusions of law, 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 and otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this decision, including waiving challenges to the Administrative Law Judge's authority to enter this Decision and Order 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.

Respondents consent and agree, for the purpose of settling this proceeding, to the entry of this decision. Complainant agrees to the entry of this decision.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Cabritos Garza Corporation (Respondent Cabritos Corp.) is a corporation formed and operating in the state of Texas. Its business mailing address is 4519 Theiss Road, Humble, TX.
2. Respondent Cabritos Corp. was at all times material to the Complaint in this matter:

   (a) Engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce for the purpose of slaughter, and of manufacturing or preparing meats or meat food products for sale or shipment in commerce;

   (b) A packer within the meaning of and subject to the provisions of the Act.

3. Respondent Gerardo Garza (Respondent Garza) is, and at all times material to the Complaint in this matter, was:

   (a) 100 percent owner of Respondent Cabritos Corp., and responsible for its direction, management, and control;

   (b) Engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce for the purposes of slaughter;

   (c) Engaged in the business of manufacturing or preparing meat and meat food

products for sale or shipment in commerce; and

(d) A packer 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 decision, such decision will be entered.

ORDER

1. Respondents, directly or through any corporate or other device, in connection with any operations subject to the Act, will cease and desist from:

failing to pay, or pay when due, the full purchase price of livestock.

2. Respondents are assessed a civil penalty in the amount of $12,000.00, which total is due within 12 months of the effective date of this order; to be paid either monthly in the amount of $1000.00, or on Respondents' own chosen schedule, so long as every six months an amount of at least $6000.00 is paid. (Respondents may accelerate this payment schedule at any time). Payments will be made in the following ways: debit card, credit card, Paypal, ACH, or wire transfer, at www.pay.gov (select USDA AMS Account Statements), and in accordance with further explanatory instructions emailed by Complainant to Respondents' representative, prior to execution of this Consent Decision. All notifications of payments or questions should be directed to PSDWashingtonDC@usda.gov.

If Respondents fail to pay according to the terms above, that will be deemed a breach of this Order.

This Order will have the same force and effect as if entered after a full hearing, and its provisions will become effective upon issuance. Copies of this ecision and Order will be served upon the parties.

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