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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:	
SMBL Cattle Company, LLC, d/b/a J&J Livestock,	P&S Docket No. D-26-J-0088
Respondent.	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 Respondent 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).

Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations in the complaint and specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations as set forth herein as findings of fact and conclusions of law, waives any and all rights or defenses the Respondent has for the matter to be adjudicated in a federal district court in the first instance, including any associated right to a jury trial, waives oral hearing and further procedure, waives 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 waives 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 Respondent 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 proceeding, to the entry of this decision. Nothing contained herein shall act or be construed as a determination, finding or Order regarding personal liability pertaining to or against Respondent, other than that Respondent must abide by the terms of the Order stated below as required by the Act. Complainant agrees to the entry of this decision.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent, SMBL Cattle Company, LLC, doing business as J&J Livestock, is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas, with its principal place of business located at 1813 S. Kings Hwy, Texarkana, Texas 75501. Respondent has a mailing address of P.O. Box 5970, Texarkana, Texas 75505. The registered agent for service of process is Mike Daniel with a mailing address of 2753 CR 4126, New Boston, Texas 75570.

2. At all times material herein, Respondent was:

(a) Engaged in the business of a market agency as that term is defined and used in the Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

(b) Registered with the Secretary of Agriculture as a market agency, as that term is defined and used in the Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

ORDER

Respondent, directly or through any corporate or other device, in connection with any operations subject to the Act, shall cease and desist from failing to properly maintain its custodial account. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of eight thousand dollars ($8,000.00). Additionally, Respondent agrees to complete a custodial account analysis form PSP7001 showing Respondent has taken the necessary corrective actions.

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 decision and Order will be served upon the parties.

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Blake Atchley
Representative of Respondent

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Michael Daniels
Representative of Respondent

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Issued at Washington, D.C.
August 31, 2026

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Administrative Law Judge