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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:

P&S Docket No. 12-0629

Double H Slaughtering, Inc.,  
d/b/a The Beef Shop,  
Arnold N. Huguenin, and Gene  
Huguenin,

Respondents

Complaint and Notice of Hearing

There is reason to believe that the respondents named herein have willfully violated the Packers & Stockyards Act of 1921, as amended and supplemented (7 U.S.C. § 181 et seq.), and the regulations promulgated thereunder by the Secretary of Agriculture (9 C.F.R. § 201.1 et seq.), and, therefore, this Complaint and Notice of Hearing is issued alleging the following:

I

(a) Double H Slaughtering, Inc., doing business as The Beef Shop, herein referred to as the corporate respondent, is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Washington. Its mailing address is 1721 Airport Road, Centralia, Washington 98531.

(b) The corporate respondent, at all times material herein, was:

(1) Engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce for purposes of slaughter, and

(2) A packer with the Secretary of Agriculture as a packer within the meaning of and subject to the provisions of the Act.

(c) Gene Huguenin, herein referred to as an individual respondent, is an individual whose home address is in the State of Washington. In order to protect the personal privacy of

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the individual respondent, his home address is not included in this Complaint and Notice of Hearing but has been provided to the Hearing Clerk for the purpose of effectuating service of process.

(d) The individual respondent, at all times material herein, was:

- (1) President of the corporate respondent;
- (2) Owner of 35% of the stock of the corporate respondent;
- (3) Responsible for the direction, management and control of the corporate respondent; and
- (4) A packer within the meaning of and subject to the provisions of the Act.

(e) Arnold Huguenin, herein referred to as an individual respondent, is an individual whose home address is in the State of Washington. In order to protect the personal privacy of the individual respondent, his home address is not included in this Complaint and Notice of Hearing but has been provided to the Hearing Clerk for the purpose of effectuating service of process.

(f) The individual respondent, at all times material herein, was:

- (1) Vice-president of the corporate respondent;
- (2) Owner of 35% of the stock of the corporate respondent;
- (3) Responsible for the direction, management and control of the corporate respondent; and
- (4) A packer within the meaning of and subject to the provisions of the Act.

II

During the period from February 11, 2011, through at least March 11, 2011, in thirty-seven transactions with seventeen different livestock sellers, the respondents purchased approximately 182 head of livestock for a total price of \$84,537.34 and failed to pay, when due, the full purchase price of such livestock.

III

As of the date of this Complaint and Notice of Hearing, there remained unpaid by respondents approximately \$66,366.53 for these livestock purchases.

IV

By reason of the facts alleged in paragraphs II and III of this Complaint and Notice of Hearing, the respondents willfully violated sections 202(a) and 409 of the Act (7 U.S.C. §§ 192(a) and 228b), and section 201.43 of the regulations (9 C.F.R. § 201.43).

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that for the purpose of determining whether the respondents have in fact willfully violated the Act, this Complaint and Notice of Hearing shall be served upon the respondents. The respondents shall have twenty (20) days following receipt of this Complaint and Notice of Hearing in which to file an answer with the Hearing Clerk, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, in accordance with the Rules of Practice governing proceedings under the Act (7 C.F.R. 1.130 et seq.). Failure to file an answer shall constitute an admission of all the material allegations of this Complaint and Notice of Hearing.

The respondents are hereby notified that unless hearing is waived, either expressly or by failure to answer and request a hearing, a hearing will be held in accordance with the Rules of

Practice, at a place and time to be designated later. At the hearing, the respondents will have the right to appear and show cause why an appropriate order should not be issued in accordance with the provisions of the Act requiring the respondents to cease and desist from violating the Act with respect to the matters alleged herein and assessing such civil penalties as are authorized by the Act and warranted under the circumstances.

Done at Washington, D.C.

this 13 day of September 2012



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