UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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In re:	)	P&S Docket No. 15-0094
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SIG International Iowa, Inc.	)	
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Respondent	)	Consent Decision
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This is a disciplinary proceeding under the Packers and Stockyards Act (7 U.S.C. § 181 et seq.), hereinafter the "Act." A Complaint has been filed alleging that Respondent pursued a practice of buying and selling livestock in commerce based on inaccurate weights, failure to make prompt payment, failure to enter into contracts with valid trust waivers and falsification of records, and that those actions resulted in Respondent's willful violations of the unfair practices and payment provisions required by sections 202(a) and 409 of the Act (7 U.S.C. §§ 192(a) and 228(b), section 201.43 of the regulations (9 C.F.R. § 201.43), the weighting regulations of sections 201.49, 201.55 and 201.99 of the regulations (9 C.F.R. §§ 201.49, 201.55, 201.99), and the recordkeeping provisions of section 401 of the Act (7 U.S.C. § 221).

Complainant and Respondent have now agreed to entry of this Decision, without hearing or further procedure, pursuant to the consent decision provisions of the Rules of Practice Governing Formal Adjudicatory Proceedings Instituted by the Secretary Under Various Statutes (7 C.F.R. § 1.138).

Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations in paragraph I of the Complaint and specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter; neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations; waives oral hearing and further procedure; and consents and agrees, for the purpose of settling this proceeding and for such purpose only, to the entry of this Decision.

Findings of Fact

1. SIG International Iowa, Inc., (Respondent) is a corporation with its principal place of business at 826 Main St. Boyden, IA 51234.
2. Respondent is a packer operating in commerce subject to the provisions of the P&S Act, 7 U.S.C. § 181 *et seq.*

Conclusions

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

Order

Respondent SIG International Iowa, Inc., its agents and employees, successors or assigns, directly or through any corporate or other device, in connection with Respondent's activities subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act, shall cease and desist from: 1) selling livestock on inaccurate weights, 2) issuing invoices to buyers that show false weights, 3) issuing false or inaccurate accountings to sellers of livestock, 4) entering into contract agreements that extend the term of payment beyond the statutory requirement without a valid trust waiver as required by regulation. Respondent is further ordered, pursuant to section 401 of

the Act, to maintain complete and accurate records which include records of payment and correct dates upon which checks are issued.

In accordance with section 203(b) (7 U.S.C. § 193(b)) of the Act, Respondent is hereby assessed a civil penalty of fifty thousand dollars ($50,000).

Copies of this Decision and Order shall be served on the parties. The provisions of this Order shall become effective upon service on Respondent.

SIG International Iowa, Inc.

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Issued in Washington D.C.
this 15 day of FEB, 2015

Jill S. Clifton

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
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