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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:

Trenton Dale Saulters d/b/a)	P & S Docket No. 13-
Trent Saulters,)	14-0005
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Respondent)	Complaint

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

I.

(a) Trenton Dale Saulters, doing business as Trent Saulters (Respondent), is an individual whose mailing address is in the State of Texas. The address will not be stated in the complaint to protect the privacy of Respondent, but will be provided to the Hearing Clerk's Office, United States Department of Agriculture, for the purpose of service of this complaint.

(b) At all times material herein, Respondent was:

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

(2) Not registered with the Secretary of Agriculture as a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account or for the account of others;

and

(3) Operating subject to the Act and the Regulations within the jurisdiction of the Secretary.

II.

(a) In a Notice of Default letter dated March 23, 2011, and personally served on Respondent by a representative of the Packers and Stockyards Program on March 28, 2011, Respondent was informed that the Packers and Stockyards Program had information indicating that Respondent was buying and selling livestock in commerce. Respondent was further informed that because his operations were in commerce, he was subject to the Act and the Regulations and that he must complete an application for registration and obtain a bond or bond equivalent of at least Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). Respondent was also informed that if he continued to operate subject to the Act and the Regulations without registering and without obtaining a bond or bond equivalent that a civil or administrative complaint may be filed against him and that he may be subject to civil penalties.

(b) Notwithstanding the notice referenced above, Respondent engaged in the business of a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account or for the account of others without filing and maintaining an adequate bond or bond equivalent as required by the Act and the Regulations.

III.

Respondent, commencing on or about June 27, 2011, and continuing through August 3, 2011; in approximately 13 transactions on 10 separate days, engaged in the business of a dealer, by purchasing approximately 347 head of livestock totaling approximately \$168,295.75, and selling approximately 34 head of livestock for a net amount of approximately \$26,958.89, without filing and maintaining an adequate bond or bond equivalent. Respondent purchased the livestock from Hubbard Livestock Market, LLC, Hubbard Texas; Waco Livestock Auction, LLC d/b/a Waco Stockyards, Waco, Texas; Dublin Livestock Auction, LLC, Dublin, Texas; Johnson

County Cattle Auction, LLP, Cleburne, Texas; Emory Livestock Auction, Inc., Emory, Texas; and Gillespie Livestock Company, Inc., Fredericksburg, Texas, all posted stockyards.

Respondent sold the livestock at White's Equine Sale & Services d/b/a Welch Livestock Auction, Welch, Oklahoma, also a posted stockyard.

IV.

(a) Respondent, in connection with his operations subject to the Act, on or about the dates and in the transactions set forth in Appendix A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, issued checks in payment for livestock purchases, which checks were returned unpaid by the bank upon which they were drawn because Respondent did not have and maintain sufficient funds on deposit and available in the account upon which the checks were drawn to pay the checks when presented.

(b) Respondent, in connection with his operations subject to the Act, in the transactions set forth in Appendix A and incorporated herein by reference, and in the additional transactions set forth in Appendix B, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, purchased livestock and failed to pay, when due, the full purchase price of such livestock. Respondent paid for the livestock between approximately 9 days and 306 days late.

V.

By reason of the facts alleged in paragraphs II and III herein, Respondent has willfully violated section 312(a) of the Act (7 U.S.C. § 213(a)) and sections 201.29 and 201.30 of the Regulations (9 C.F.R. §§ 201.29, 201.30).

By reason of the facts alleged in paragraph IV herein, Respondent has willfully violated sections 312(a) and 409 of the Act (7 U.S.C. §§ 213(a), 228b).

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that this complaint shall be served upon Respondent for the purpose of determining whether Respondent willfully violated the Act. Respondent shall have twenty (20) days after receipt of this complaint in which to file an answer with the Hearing Clerk, Room 1031-South Building, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-9200, in accordance with the Rules of Practice Governing Formal Adjudicatory Proceedings Instituted by the Secretary Under Various Statutes (7 C.F.R. § 1.130 et seq.). Allegations not answered shall be deemed admitted for the purpose of this proceeding. Failure to file an answer will constitute an admission of all the material allegations of this complaint.

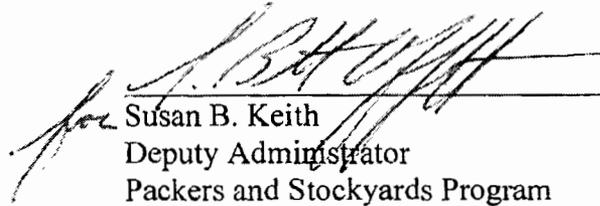
The Packers and Stockyards Program, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, requests:

1. That unless Respondent fails to file an answer within the time allowed, or files an answer admitting all the material allegations of this complaint, this proceeding be set for oral hearing in conformity with the Rules of Practice; and
2. That such order or orders be issued including an order requiring Respondent to cease and desist from the violations of the Act and the Regulations found to exist, prohibiting Respondent from engaging in business in any capacity for which registration and bonding are required under the Act and the Regulations without properly registering and providing such bond, and assessing such civil penalties against Respondent as are authorized by the Act and

warranted in the circumstances.

Done at Washington, D.C.

this 18th day of October, 2013


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US Department of Agriculture
 Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration
 Packers and Stockyards Program (P&SP)
 Schedule of Checks Returned Unpaid for Livestock (V7 5-19-11)
 Entity Information

Investigation Date	Entity							DBA					Mailing Address			
1/30/2012	Trenton Dale Saulters							Trent Saulters					730 Old Axtell RD Waco, TX 76710			
Purchase / Harvest Date	Seller's Name	Purchase Type	Number of Head	Livestock Amount	Net Invoice Adjustments	Net Invoice	Credit Agreement	Due Date	Payment Instrument	Payment Date	Payment Instrument Number	Payment Amount	Date Instrument Returned	Payment Date	Days Late	Remarks
7/9/2011	Johnson County Cattle Auction, LLP Cleburne, Texas	Live	43	\$29,639.80	\$1,000.00	\$30,639.80	No	7/11/2011	Check	7/11/2011	1351	\$30,639.80	7/25/2011	11/1/2011	113	Account paid on 11-01-2011 per discussion with market.
7/9/2011	Johnson County Cattle Auction, LLP Cleburne, Texas	Live	21	\$7,621.26	\$0.00	\$7,621.26	No	7/11/2011	Check	7/11/2011	1363	\$7,621.26	7/25/2011	11/1/2011	113	Account paid on 11-01-2011 per discussion with market.
7/26/2011	Waco Livestock Auction, LLC d/b/a Waco Stockyards Waco, Texas	Live	14	\$1,229.20	\$400.00	\$1,629.20	No	7/27/2011	Check	7/25/2011	770	\$1,629.20	8/11/2011	9/13/2011	48	unknown why check date preceded sale date on invoice. Account paid on 09-13-2011 by two money orders of \$629.20 and \$1,000.00, respectively.
8/3/2011	Gillette Livestock Company, Inc. Fredericksburg, Texas	Live	15	\$5,353.38	\$25.50	\$5,378.88	No	8/4/2011	Check	8/3/2011	720	\$5,358.88	8/8/2011	6/5/2012	305	Account paid with cashier's check dated 05-05-12. Underpaid total invoice by \$20.00.
	TOTALS		03	\$43,843.64	\$1,425.50	\$45,269.14						\$45,249.14				



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 Schedule of Failure to Pay within time period required by the Act for Livestock (V7.5-19-11)
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7/12/2011	Waco Livestock Auction, LLC db/a Waco Stockyards Waco, Texas	Live	58	\$35,626.98	\$1,734.50	\$37,361.48	No	7/13/2011	Check	7/12/2011	00	\$37,361.48	7/14/2011	7/22/2011	9	Original invoice was for 57 head with a livestock amount of \$35,166.98 and a net invoice amount of \$36,901.48. 1 head valued at \$460.00 was added to the invoice per a notation on the check for a total of 58 head and a livestock total of \$35,626.98 making the total invoice amount \$37,361.48. Account paid by cashier's check dated 07-22-2011.
7/30/2011	Emory Livestock Auction, Inc. Emory, Texas	Live	23	\$7,158.02	\$0.00	\$7,158.02	No	8/1/2011	Check	11/16/2011	Unknown	\$2,000.00		11/28/2011	119	Original check used for payment was uncollectible. The Office of the County Attorney for Rains County, Texas obtained two restitution payments from P&SP in the amounts of \$2,000.00 and \$5,158.02, which were deposited on 11-22-11 and 12-09-11, respectively.
	TOTALS		81	\$42,785.00	\$1,734.50	\$44,519.50						\$44,519.50				