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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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In re:	)	P & S Docket No. D-03-0010
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Chris Britten d/b/a	)	
Chris Britten Cattle	)	
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	)	
Respondent	)	Decision

This proceeding was instituted under the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, as amended and supplemented (7 U.S.C. §181 et seq.), hereinafter referred to as the "Act," by a complaint filed by the Deputy Administrator, Packers and Stockyards Programs, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, alleging that the Respondent willfully 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 provisions of the Rules of Practice Governing Formal Adjudicatory Administrative Proceedings Instituted by the Secretary Under Various Statutes applicable to this proceeding (7 C.F.R. § 1.138 et seq.).

The 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.

The Complainant agrees to the entry of this decision.

### Findings of Fact

1. Chris Britten, doing business as Chris Britten Cattle, hereinafter referred to as "Respondent," is an individual whose business mailing address is P.O. Box 407, Groom, Texas 79039.

2. Respondent is, and at all times material herein was:

(a) Engaged in business as a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account; and as a market agency buying on commission.

(b) Registered with the Secretary of Agriculture as a dealer to buy and sell livestock in commerce for his own account.

### Conclusions

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

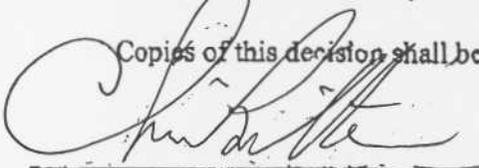
### Order

Respondent Chris Britten, his agents and employees, directly or through any corporate or other device, in connection with his operations subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act, shall cease and desist from engaging in business in any capacity for which bonding is required under the Packers and Stockyards Act, as amended and supplemented, and the regulations, without filing and maintaining an adequate bond or its equivalent, as required by the Act and the regulations.

In accordance with section 312(b) of the Act (7 U.S.C. § 213(b)), Respondent is hereby assessed a civil penalty in the amount of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00).

This order shall have the same force and effect as if entered after full hearing and shall become effective on the sixth day after service of this order on Respondent.

Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

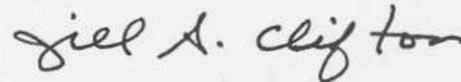


Chris Britten, d/b/a  
Chris Britten Cattle  
Respondent



David A. Richman  
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Issued this 25 day of June 2003



Administrative Law Judge