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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-12- 0452
Terry Dustin Matthews)	
d.b.a.)	
Moo Moo's Cattle Co.,)	
)	Complaint
Respondent)	and Order to Show Cause

There is reason to believe that the Respondent named herein has willfully violated provisions of the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, as amended and supplemented (7 U.S.C. § 181 et seq.), herein referred to as the Act, and that its application for registration under the Act should be denied. Therefore, this Complaint and Order to Show Cause is issued alleging the following:

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- (a) Terry Dustin Matthews is an individual who does business as Moo Moo's Cattle Co. Terry Dustin Matthews d.b.a. Moo Moo's Cattle Co. is herein referred to as Respondent. Respondent's business mailing address is a home address. In order to protect the personal privacy of the Respondent, Complainant is not providing Respondent's address in this Complaint, but Complainant has provided the address to the Hearing Clerk so that service can be effected.
 - (b) Respondent, at all times material herein, was:
 - (1) Engaged in business as a dealer, buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account; and

(2) Not registered with the Secretary of Agriculture as a dealer to buy and sell livestock in commerce for his own account.

II

On June 11, 2010, Respondent's dealer registration to buy and sell livestock in commerce for its own account expired. On October 25, 2010, the Packers and Stockyards Program, Eastern Regional Office, received a completed registration application from Respondent requesting registration as a dealer to buy and sell livestock in interstate commerce. However, in light of recent documented violations of the Act (more fully set forth in Paragraphs III and IV below), the Packers and Stockyards Program has determined that there is reason to believe that Respondent is unfit to engage in the business of a dealer.

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On May 14, 2008, a Packers and Stockyards Auditor conducted a review of Respondent's livestock dealer operations and found that Respondent had both failed to pay promptly for livestock purchases, as well as had issued checks in payment for livestock that were returned due to insufficient funds. As a result, a Notice of Violation, dated June 19, 2008, was mailed to Respondent via certified mail and received at Respondent's home address on June 26, 2008. This Notice of Violation advised Respondent to comply with the prompt payment provisions for livestock purchases required under section 409 of the Act.

Notwithstanding such notice, on or about the dates and in the transactions set forth in Appendix A, Respondent purchased livestock in commerce and failed to pay,

when due, the full purchase price of such livestock.

IV

On or about the dates and in the transactions set forth in Appendix A, Respondent issued checks in partial payment for livestock purchases which were returned by the bank upon which they were drawn; these checks were returned because Respondent did not have and maintain sufficient funds on deposit and available in the account upon which the checks were drawn to pay such checks when presented.

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By reason of the facts alleged in paragraphs III and IV, Respondent has willfully violated sections 312(a) and 409 of the Act (7 U.S.C. §§ 213(a) and § 228b), and is unfit to engage in business, in any capacity, for which registration and bonding is required by the Act and regulations.

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that this Complaint and Order to Show Cause shall be served upon the Respondent for the purpose of determining whether Respondent has willfully violated the Act and regulations and for the purpose of determining whether its application for registration as a dealer should be denied. Respondent shall have twenty (20) days after receipt of this complaint 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.). Allegations not answered shall be deemed admitted for the purpose of this proceeding. Failure to file an answer shall constitute an admission of all the material allegations of this Complaint and Order to Show Cause.

The Packers and Stockyards Program, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards

Administration (GIPSA), requests:

- 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 accord with the Rules of Practice governing proceedings under the
 Act; and
- 2. That such order or orders be issued, including an order requiring Respondent to cease and desist from violating the Act with respect to the matters alleged herein, assessing such civil penalties as are authorized by the Act and warranted under the circumstances, and denying Respondent's application for registration under the Act and regulations.

Done at Washington, D.C. this <u>30</u> day of <u>Mey</u>, 2012

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APPENDIX A												
Purchase Date	Seller's Name		Livestock Amount	Total invoice	Due Date	Check Date	Check Number	Check Amount	Date Check Returned	Date Check Cleared Bank	Days Late From Due Date to Date Check Cleared	
2/8/2010	Montgomery Stockyard, LLC	8	\$1,317.25	\$1,317.25	2/9/2010	2/8/2010	1518	\$1,317.25	2/16/2010	3/11/2010	30	
2/15/2010	Montgomery Stockyard, LLC	5	\$587,20	\$587.20	2/16/2010	2/15/2010	1524	\$587.20	2/22/2010	3/17/2010	29	
<i>2/22/2</i> 010	Montgomery Stockyard, LLC	13	\$3,224.25	\$3,224.25	2/23/2010	2/22/2010	1435	\$3,224.25	2/26/2010	3/8/2010	13	
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3/8/2010	Montgomery Stockyard, LLC	9	\$2,888.45	\$2,888.45	3/9/2010	3/8/2010	1442	\$2,888.45	3/17/2010	7/9/2010	122	
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	Total Returned Checks			\$8,017.15								