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SCIENCES
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RE: CASE NO. 12-03

Jacob Thompson
2088 FM 10
Carthage, TX 75633

AGRO-CONSUMER
SERVICES
PO Box 3098
Baton Rouge,
LA 70821-3098
(225) 922-1341
Fax: 923-4877

Dear Mr. Thompson:

ANIMAL HEALTH
SERVICES
PO Box 1951
Baton Rouge,
LA 70821-1951
(225) 925-3962
Fax: 925-4103

This is your formal notice to be present at a hearing of the Louisiana Board of Animal Health at 10:00 AM, March 8, 2012, in the Veterans' Memorial auditorium of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry Building, 5825 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana or such other date and time to which said action may be continued. This hearing is held under the authority of and in accordance with the Louisiana Revised Statutes 3:2093 and 49:951 et. seq. The records of this office indicate that you may have violated the Louisiana Board of Animal Health Laws, Rules and/or Regulations

FORESTRY
PO Box 1628
Baton Rouge,
LA 70821-1628
(225) 952-4500
Fax: 922-1356

At the hearing you will be asked to answer the following allegations that you violated provisions of the Louisiana Board of Animal Health Laws, Rules and/or Regulations.

MANAGEMENT
& FINANCE
PO Box 3481
Baton Rouge,
LA 70821-3481
(225) 922-1255
Fax: 237-5843

A. Respondent has engaged in livestock dealing, buying and selling livestock at Red River Livestock Market for the period September through December of 2011. By engaging in the buying and selling of cattle on a commercial basis, you allegedly violated the following Louisiana Board of Animal Health Law and/or Rule and Regulation:

MARKETING
PO Box 3334
Baton Rouge,
LA 70821-3334
(225) 922-1277
Fax: 922-1289

1. One violation of LRS 3:563. "All market agencies and dealers shall secure an annual permit from the Louisiana Board of Animal Health for the privilege of conducting business. The provisions of this Part shall not apply to farmers or other actual producers of the livestock who offer it for sale either at public stockyards or at a privately owned sales pen or concentration point."
2. One violation of LRS 3:563(B). Surety instrument required of market agencies and dealers.

SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION
PO Box 3554
Baton Rouge,
LA 70821-3554
(225) 922-1269
Fax: 922-2577

"Every market agency and dealer, on or before the date of commencement of operations, shall execute and thereafter maintain, or cause to be executed and maintained, a surety instrument payable to the executive secretary of the Louisiana Board of Animal Health for the use and protection of livestock producers, shippers, or purchasers, to secure the performance of their obligations incurred as a market agency or dealer, and shall immediately file

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with the executive secretary of the Louisiana Board of Animal Health a fully executed duplicate of the surety instrument. The surety company shall be approved to do business in Louisiana. In the event that the applicant for a permit is unable to secure a surety instrument, the Louisiana Board of Animal Health may accept a deposit with it if a cash amount equal to the amount of the surety required”.

If Respondent does not wish to contest these charges, he may dispose of same by contacting the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry at the above number or address, no later than 7 working days prior to the hearing date. Respondent is advised that in the event the evidence and testimony submitted at the hearing indicates that you have committed the violation(s), the Commission may impose a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000.00 per violation as provided by Louisiana Revised Statutes 3:2093 (7).

Respondent will be accorded the following rights at the hearing:

1. To appear on his own behalf, or may be accorded counsel of choice.
2. To present and enter into the record, evidence on all issues of fact.
3. To examine the evidence entered into the record by the Louisiana Board of Animal Health and/or the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry.
4. To present arguments on all issues of law and fact.
5. To cross-examine, as appropriate, witnesses who appear for the Board of Animal Health and the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

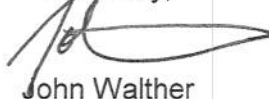
An assistant attorney general will be appointed as the hearing officer. The attorney general's address is Post Office Box 94005, Baton Rouge, LA 70804 and the telephone number is (225) 326-6083. A request regarding the issuance of subpoenas may be made to that office.

If you wish to issue subpoenas for the appearance of any person or the production of any records, you should contact the hearing officer two (2) weeks prior to date of the hearing.

If you wish a transcript of the proceedings, you must provide your own court reporter. In an effort to have adequate room for the court reporter, please notify the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry in writing, and to my attention, two (2) weeks prior to the date of the hearing, if you will be bringing a court reporter to the hearing.

If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,



John Walther
Director
Louisiana Board of Animal Health