

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH

ADJUDICATORY HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF

CASE NO: MC-17-005

JACOB THOMPSON
DBA: THOMPSON HORSE LOT

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Louisiana Board of Animal Health held an administrative adjudicatory hearing in this matter on January 5, 2018. A quorum of the Board was present with Michael Heier, an Assistant Attorney General, as hearing officer. The Department of Agriculture and Forestry's was represented by Emily Andrews. Respondent, Jacob Thompson, was present and represented by his counsel, Bradly Drell. After considering the evidence, law, and arguments of counsel the board issued the following findings:

The Board determined, and Respondent admitted that between March 21, 2017 and April 25, 2017, Respondent engaged in the dealing of livestock without securing an annual permit from the Louisiana Board of Animal Health which constitutes a violation of La. R.S. 3:563.

The Board determined, and Respondent admitted that between March 21, 2017 and April 25, 2017, Respondent engaged in the dealing of livestock without executing and maintaining a surety instrument payable to the executive secretary of the Louisiana Board of Animal Health which constitutes a violation of La. R.S. 3:565(B).

The Board determined that on or about June 6, 2017, Respondent transported or caused to be transported equines into Louisiana without required record of a negative official test for equine infectious anemia (EIA) conducted within the past 12 months which constitutes a violation of LAC 7:XXI.521.

The Board determined that on or about June 6, 2017, Respondent transported or caused to be transported equines into Louisiana that were not accompanied by an official health certificate stating that the animals are healthy, free from signs of infectious or contagious diseases and signs of internal and/or external parasites which constitutes a violation of LAC 7:XXI.501.

The Board determined and Respondent admitted that on or about June 28, 2017, Respondent did not cause the carcasses of animals to be disposed of in a sanitary manner by cremation or deep burial in violation of La. R.S. 3:2131.

Penalties Imposed

After making the aforementioned findings of fact and conclusions of law the Board imposed the following penalties:

The Board imposes a penalty of SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY (\$750.00) DOLLARS AND NO/100 for Respondent's violation of La. R.S. 3:563.

The Board imposes a penalty of SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY (\$750.00) DOLLARS AND NO/100 for Respondent's violation of La. R.S. 3:565(B).

The Board imposes a penalty of SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY (\$750.00) DOLLARS AND NO/100 for Respondent's violation of La. R.S. 3:2131.

The Board imposes a penalty of FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY (\$450.00) DOLLARS AND NO/100 for Respondent's violation of LAC 7:XXI.521.

The Board imposes a penalty of FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY (\$450.00) DOLLARS AND NO/100 for Respondent's violation of LAC 7:XXI.501.

The cumulative total of the above penalties is Three Thousand One Hundred and Fifty (\$3150.00) Dollars shall be paid within 30 days of January 5, 2018.

The findings of fact, conclusion of law, and penalty imposed in the matter of JACOB THOMPSON, DBA: THOMPSON HORSE LOT, CASE NO: MC-17-005, were approved by the Commission in an open hearing, on January 5, 2018, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

This document is signed this 8 day of January 2018, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



MICHAEL HEIER
HEARING OFFICER