

United States Department of Agriculture

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

TO: Robert M. Paul

Acting Assistant General Counsel

Marketing Division

Office of the General Counsel

Marketing & Regulatory Programs Business

Services

4700 River Road Riverdale, MD 20737

THROUGH: Dr. Gregory L. Parham

Administrator

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Countries

FROM:

Robert J. Huttenlocker

Director

Investigative and Enforcement

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

SUBJECT:

Violations of 9 C.F.R., Part 2 Case No. MO09099-AC AC - Unlicensed Dealer Case

Attached please find Report of Investigation (ROI) MO09099-AC, dated February 22, 2010, involving violations of 9 C.F.R., Part 2 by the following subject:

> John Dollarhite d/h/a**Dollarvalue Rabbitry** 1537 Osburn Lane Nixa, MO 65714

011

Represented by Legal Counsel: Richard L. Anderson Attorney at Law P.O. Box 2145 **Branson West, MO 65737-2145**

John Dollarhite (Dollarhite) is an unlicensed individual who owned and operated Dollarvalue Rabbitry. Dollarhite formerly bred and sold rabbits and guinea pigs.

Dr. Robert M. Gibbens, Western Regional Director, Animal Care (AC), APHIS, USDA, requested that Investigative and Enforcement Services (IES) investigate Dollarhite's noncompliance with the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) regulations and standards.

In March 2006, Dollarhite requested a licensing/informational application kit from AC. In response to his request, Dollarhite was sent an AWA Dealer licensing information/application kit and a copy of the AWA.

In August 2009, following up on a search for unlicensed activity, an AC inspector visited with Dollarhite and personally informed him of the requirement to be licensed, gave him another licensing/information application kit, and performed a courtesy inspection of the rabbit pens on his premises. During this visit, Dollarhite admitted he sold regulated

Page 178 of 202