

Investigative and Enforcement Services

Settlement Agreement

USDA, APHIS, IES
 4700 River Road, Unit 85
 Riverdale, MD 20737
 Phone: (301) 734-8684
 Fax: (301) 734-4328

RESPONDENT:
 John Dollarhite
 DBA: Dollarvalue Rabbitry
 1537 Osborne Lane
 Nixa, MO 65714

CASE NUMBER MO09099-AC
DUE ON OR BEFORE May 23, 2011
CONTACT PHONE (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

DATE	CITATION	DESCRIPTION
Various	9 C.F.R. § 2.1(a)(1)	<p>Licensing. Requirements and application. Any person operating or intending to operate as a dealer, exhibitor, or operator of an auction sale must have a valid license.</p> <p>Respondent sold rabbits and guinea pigs (regulated animals) in commerce without the required USDA license, after being formally notified on several occasions by APHIS officials of the licensing requirement. Sales were made on various dates from April 3, 2008 through December 21, 2009. During this time, there were 56 transactions for 619 regulated animals sold in commerce.</p>

PENALTY \$ 90,643.00 **TERMS**

Titles 7, 15, 19, and 21 of the United States Code authorize the Secretary of Agriculture, after providing notice and opportunity for a hearing, to impose civil penalties and other sanctions to resolve violations.

Prior to the issuance of a formal complaint seeking sanctions under the Act, The Department may enter into a stipulation to resolve the above-described violations. Your payment constitutes a waiver of your right to a hearing, a finding that the violations of law have occurred, and settlement of such violations.

If you do not pay the specified penalty within the designated time or wish to exercise your right to a hearing, this matter will be forwarded to the Office of the General Counsel for litigation. The penalty offered in this stipulation is not relevant to the sanctions the Department may seek, or that will be assessed, upon issuance of a formal complaint.

Signature of Respondent: _____ **Date:** _____

PAYMENT RECORD - FOR IES USE ONLY

Payment Type	Date	Amount	Signature of IES Representative

T04 – Settlement Agreement
 Revised 11/15/05