

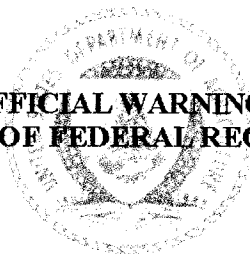
CASE NO.
TN10024-AC

VIOLATOR
Robert Claxton

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

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OFFICIAL WARNING
VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS



The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about the date(s) listed below, you or your organization committed the following violation(s) of Federal law:

Date of Violation: July 18, 2009

15 U.S.C. § 1824(2) – Unlawful acts

“The (A) showing or exhibiting, in any horse show or horse exhibition, of any horse which is sore, (B) entering for the purpose of showing or exhibiting in any horse show or horse exhibition, any horse which is sore, (C) selling, auctioning, or offering for sale, in any horse sale or auction, any horse which is sore, and (D) allowing any activity described in clause (A), (B), or (C) respecting a horse which is sore by the owner of such horse.”

Robert Claxton showed the horse, “Absolute Future,” in the 23rd Annual Moore County Horse Show in Lynchburg, TN, which was found sore.

Date of Violation: August 27, 2009

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9 C.F.R. § 11.3 – Scar rule

“The scar rule applies to all horses born on or after October 1, 1975. Horses subject to this rule that do not meet the...scar rule criteria shall be considered to be “sore” and are subject to all prohibitions of...the Act.”

Robert Claxton showed the horse, “Don Rafa,” in the 71st Annual Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration, in Shelbyville, TN, which was found sore.

Titles 7 & 9 Code of Federal Regulations were promulgated to help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases and assure the humane treatment of animals. Since the violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impact detrimental to the public interest, you are warned of this violation. Any further violation of these regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty or criminal prosecution. If you have any questions concerning this warning or violation, please contact the listed APHIS official.

APHIS OFFICIAL (Name, Title)

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