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Steve Aymett
1053 Green Valley Drive
Lewisburg, TN 37091

OFFICIAL WARNING

Re: Reference number TN11018-AC

Dear Sir or Madam:

Why You Are Receiving This Letter

We believe that you violated the Horse Protection Act (15 U.S.C. § 1821 et seq.) (HPA), as described in the attached Official Warning. Our agency, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), is responsible for enforcing the HPA, and other agriculture laws that help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases, and ensure the welfare of animals.

After providing you with an opportunity for a hearing, we may impose civil penalties of up to \$2,200, or other sanctions, for each violation described in this Official Warning. Although we generally pursue penalties for this type of violation(s), we have decided not to pursue penalties in this instance so long as you comply, in the future, with laws that APHIS enforces.

Consequences Of Continuing Non-Compliance

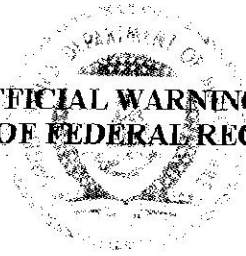
If you violate laws that APHIS enforces in the future, we may pursue criminal penalties, or we may pursue civil penalties for the violations described in this Official Warning, in addition to any penalties we may pursue for any future violations.

What To Do If You Have Questions

If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning, contact Edmund Grant at (301) 851-2752 or call our main office number at (301) 851-2948.

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**OFFICIAL WARNING
VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

CASE NUMBER:
TN11018-AC

VIOLATOR:
Steve Aymett

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, ZIP Code):
1053 Green Valley Drive
Lewisburg, TN 37091

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 Regulations:

Date of Violation: June 5, 2009

15 U.S.C. § 1824(7) Unlawful Acts. The showing or exhibiting at a horse show or horse exhibition; the selling or auctioning at a horse sale or auction; the allowing to be shown, exhibited, or sold at a horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction; the entering for the purpose of showing or exhibiting in any horse show or horse exhibition; or offering for sale at a horse sale or auction, any horse which is wearing or bearing any equipment, device, paraphernalia, or substance which the Secretary by regulation under Section 1828 of this title prohibits to prevent the soring of horses.

9 C.F.R. § 11.2 (b) (13) Prohibitions concerning exhibitors. Any object or material inserted between the pad and the hoof other than acceptable hoof packing, which includes pine tar, aokum, live rubber, sponge rubber, silicone, commercial hoof packing or other substances used to maintain adequate frog pressure or sole consistency.

You entered, for the purpose of showing or exhibiting, the horse "A High Dollar Charge," at the 41st Annual National Walking Horse Trainers Show which was found in violation of the practice of illegal shoeing during pre-show examination.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) created federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the violation(s) described above. Any further violation of these federal regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions. If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.

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