UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:

Northwest Airlines, Inc., and Aircraft Service International, Inc., AWA Docket No. 90-7

Respondents

Consent Decision and Order as to Respondent Northwest Airlines, Inc.

This proceeding was instituted under the Animal Welfare Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. § 2131 <u>et seq</u>.), by a complaint filed by the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture, alleging that the respondents willfully violated the Act and the regulations and standards issued pursuant to the Act (9 C.F.R. § 1.1 <u>et seq</u>.). This decision is entered pursuant to the consent decision provisions of the Rules of Practice applicable to this proceeding (7 C.F.R. § 1.138).

Respondent Northwest Airlines, Inc., admits the jurisdictional allegations in paragraph I of the complaint and specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations, waives oral hearing and further procedure, and consents and agrees, for the purpose of settling this proceeding and for such purpose only, to the entry of this decision.

The complainant agrees to the entry of this decision.

Findings of Fact

Respondent Northwest Airlines, Inc., is a corporation with offices at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, St. Paul, Minnesota 55111. At all times material herein, it was registered and operating as a carrier as defined in the Act and the regulations.

Conclusions

Respondent Northwest Airlines, Inc., having admitted the jurisdictional facts and the parties having agreed to the entry of this decision, such decision will be entered.

Order

1. Respondent, its agents and employees, successors and assigns, directly or through any corporate or other device, shall cease and desist from violating the Act and the regulations and standards issued thereunder, and in particular, shall cease and desist from:

(a) Accepting for transportation or transporting live animals in primary enclosures which are not large enough to allow the animals to turn about freely in a standing position using normal body movements, to stand and sit erect, and to lie in a natural position;

(b) Accepting live animals for transportation without obtaining from the consignor a written guarantee for payment of transportation expenses and reimbursement of any feeding, storage, or housing expenses; (c) Failing to provide live animals with food and water, as required;

(d) Failing to obtain a written guarantee from the consignor of any C.O.D. shipment of live animals for transportation expenses and expenses for feeding, holding, or housing the animals.

(e) Failing to notify the consignee of live animals at least once in every six hour period following arrival.

2. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of \$1,500, which shall be paid by a certified check or money order made payable to the Treasurer of United States.

The provisions of this order shall become effective on the first day after service of this decision on respondent. The provisions of this order are in addition to, and do not supersede, the order issued on May 29, 1990, in AWA Docket No. 90-9.

Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

NORTHWEST AIRLINES, INC. Respondent, by

Paul L. Dinger Corporate Counsel

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G. Boutrous Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C. this <u>30</u> day of <u>August</u>, 1990

Administrative Law Judge