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| **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE** AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAMS  **CIVIL PENALTY STIPULATION AGREEMENT** | 1. REPORTING FIELD OFFICE |
| 2. DATE |
| 3. CASE NUMBER |

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| **SECTION I - INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT (Please type or print)** | |
| 4. NAME AND ADDRESS OF ALLEGED VIOLATOR | 5. REGULATION ALLEGEDLY VIOLATED |
| 6. DATE OF VIOLATION |

7. DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATION



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|  | 11. INVESTIGATOR'S SIGNATURE | 12. DATE |
| **SECTION II - STIPULATION OFFER (To be completed by AMS Official)** | | |

Title 7, United States Code, Section 601-674 of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to assess a civil penalty of not more than $1,100 per violation against any person who violates the regulations cited in Item 5 above, after notice and opportunity for hearing on the record. Each day during which such violation continues shall be deemed a separate violation. However, AMS will agree to discontinue further action with regard to this alleged violation if you waive your right to notice and an opportunity for a hearing and agree to pay $ in settlement of this matter. If you do not wish to settle this matter in this way, a complaint may be issued charging you with the violation cited in Item 5 and affording you an opportunity for a hearing. You should be aware, however, that the amount offered herein to settle this matter at this time shall not be relevant in any respect to the civil penalty which may be assessed after a hearing.

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| 13. AMS OFFICIAL SIGNATURE | 14. DATE |
| **SECTION III - STIPULATION AGREEMENT (To be completed by Receiver)** | |

**CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:** I certify that I have been advised of my right to a hearing in this matter and waive such hearing. I agree to pay the sum of

$ in full settlement.

15. SIGNATURE

16. DATE

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