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**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES**  
**COMMISSIONER ADAM H. PUTNAM**

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May 25, 2018

**VIA: USPS**

Judge J. Bruce Culpepper  
Division of Administrative Hearings  
The Desot Building  
1230 Apalachee Pkwy  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

**RE: AGENCY FINAL ORDER**  
Case No. 1706-22430  
Agency Clerk Tracking No. B07700

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Enclosed is a copy of the Department's final agency action in the matter of the above-referenced case.

Should you have any questions please contact me at (850) 410-3672.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Alan Parkinson".

W. Alan Parkinson  
Chief, Mediation and Enforcement  
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Enclosure:

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**AMIR AHAD,**

Petitioner,

vs.

**CITRA-LIFE, INC.,**

Respondent

and

**PLATT INSURANCE COMPANY,**

Co-Respondent.

DACS Case No.:1706-22430  
DOAH Case No.: 17-5293  
Agency Clerk Filing No.: B07700

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**FINAL ORDER**

THIS CAUSE, arising under the Florida Citrus License and Bond Law, Sections 604.15-604.34, Florida Statutes, came before the Commissioner of Agriculture of the State of Florida for consideration and final agency action.

**I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

On June 7, 2017, Amir Ahad (Petitioner) filed a complaint for non-payment against Citra-Life, Inc. (Respondent) totaling \$21,354.66, which includes the \$50 claim filing fee. The Notice of Filing of a Producer Claim, copies of the claim, and supporting evidence thereto were mailed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Department) to the Respondent's registered agent by UPS on July 27, 2017. Citra-Life, Inc. received the notice on July 31, 2017. The Respondent responded to the claim and requested a hearing. Notice of the claim was also sent to, Platt River Insurance Company (Co-Respondent), via UPS. The notice was received on August 3, 2017. The Co-Respondent did not contest the matter or request a hearing/contested the hearing. The Department referred this matter to the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH) for an

administrative hearing in accordance with the provisions of Section 120.57(1), Florida Statutes. A hearing was held on November 30, 2017, which all parties failed to attend, and the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) entered a Recommended Order on December 1, 2017, a copy of which is attached hereto. Petitioner filed a document titled "Exceptions to decision of Court of Hearing Tallahassee [*sic*]." Neither Respondent nor Co-Respondent filed written exceptions.

The Record consists of all notices, pleadings, motions, intermediate rulings, evidence admitted and matters of officially recognized, proposed findings, stipulations of the parties and the Recommended Order.

## II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. A document was submitted to the Department by Petitioner titled "Exceptions to decision of Court of Hearing Tallahassee [*sic*]." The document simply stated that a medical condition prevented him from travelling to the hearing and that Respondent owed him \$4,033.00.
2. The DOAH docket does not indicate that Petitioner filed any motion to have the matter reheard or reconsidered by the ALJ.
3. The Commissioner of Agriculture adopts the findings of fact made by the ALJ in the Recommended Order, attached hereto.

## III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4. Petitioner's document claiming to contain exceptions did not clearly identify the disputed portion of the recommended order by page number or paragraph, did not identify the legal basis for the exception and did not include appropriate and specific citations to the record.

Therefore, the Department will not be responding to the statements in the document.

5. The Commissioner of Agriculture adopts the conclusions of law made by the ALJ in the Recommended Order, attached hereto.

Upon consideration of the foregoing, review of the record, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises,

**IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED :**

That the Petitioner's claim for relief is dismissed.

Done and Ordered this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.

**ADAM H. PUTNAM  
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE**

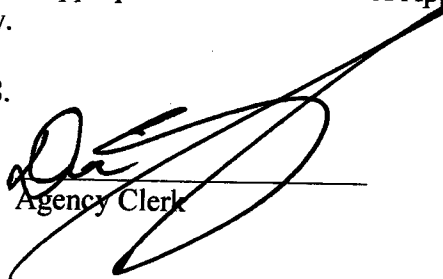


**MICHAEL JOYNER  
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER**

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW**

Any party to these proceedings adversely affected by this Final Order is entitled to seek judicial review of this Final Order pursuant to Section 120.68, Florida Statutes, and Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. Judicial review proceedings must be instituted by filing a Notice of Appeal with the Department's Agency Clerk, 407 South Calhoun Street, Suite 509, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-0800, within thirty (30) days of rendition of this order. A copy of the Notice of Appeal must be filed with the Clerk of the appropriate District Court of Appeal accompanied by any filing fees prescribed by law.

Rendered, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.



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