

Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
CEA CASES

**NAME:** LAIRD, BISSELL & MEEDS, INC.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Exchange Authority

Washington, D. C. 20250

ISSUANCE OF COMPLAINT - CEA DOCKET NO. 207

(Administrative Hearing Under the Commodity Exchange Act)

A complaint and notice of hearing has been signed by the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, charging violation of the Commodity Exchange Act by:

Laird, Bissell & Meeds, Inc.

(Wilmington, Delaware)

The complaint charges that on July 31, 1972, Laird, Bissell & Meeds, Inc., failed to keep accurate records of the amount of customers' monies required to be held, and held, in segregation under the Commodity Exchange Act. It also charges that the firm failed to apply offsetting purchases and sales in the accounts of certain customers as required by the regulations under the Act.

The issuance of a complaint under the Commodity Exchange Act does not constitute proof of violation of the law. Such violation is established only when the Judicial Officer of the Department has made a determination that the evidence substantiates allegations in the complaint. Complaints are filed in the Office of the Hearing Clerk of the Department of Agriculture and are a matter of public record. Pending disposition by the Judicial Officer, it is the policy of the Commodity Exchange Authority not to comment or elaborate on charges contained in complaints or to discuss evidence on which they are based.

A public hearing on the complaint will be held before a referee in New York, New York, at a date and time to be specified at a later date.

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