

Ohio Meat Packer Agrees to Cease Violating the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 12, 1997)--Raymond Perkins, a meat packer, doing business as Seneca Packing Co., of Republic, Ohio, has been ordered to cease violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act and has been assessed a \$10,500 civil penalty by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Perkins was ordered to cease and desist from engaging in business in any capacity for which bonding is required under the P&S Act without filing and maintaining such bond or its equivalent; and from failing to pay, and failing to pay promptly, the full purchase price of livestock. Under the P&S Act, meat packers, purchasing livestock for slaughter, are required to maintain a surety bond as a measure of protection to livestock sellers.

The order was issued by default when Raymond Perkins failed to answer federal administrative charges.

The Packers and Stockyards Act is an antitrust, fair trade practice, and payment protection law. It is designed to ensure free and open competition, and to prevent unfair and deceptive practices in the marketing of livestock, meat, and poultry.

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