

## **Complaint Filed Against Rod Suhr Of Atlantic, Iowa**

Washington, DC (April 24, 2000) - On April 10, 2000, the U.S. Department of Agriculture issued a complaint against Rod Suhr, a dealer and market agency buying livestock on commission in Atlantic, Iowa. The complaint alleges that Mr. Suhr, after being notified of a requirement to maintain an adequate surety bond, or its equivalent in performance of his livestock obligations under the Packers and Stockyards Act, failed to do so.

Should the allegations be proven Mr. Suhr could be placed under a cease and desist order, similar to a permanent injunction, and may be ordered to pay a civil penalty.

The Packers and Stockyards Act is a fair trade practice and payment protection law that 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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