

Scott I. Sechler Agrees to Penalties to Settle USDA Charges

Washington, DC (May 1, 2000) - On April 10, 2000, Scott I. Sechler of Strausstown, Pennsylvania, entered into a consent agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture to cease and desist from failing to pay, when due, for live poultry purchased in cash sales, and from failing to pay for live poultry purchased in cash sales. Mr. Sechler was assessed a civil penalty of \$8,000.

In agreeing to the consent decision, Mr. Sechler neither admits nor denies the allegations made by USDA against Mr. Sechler and Sechler Foods, Inc., but has agreed to waive an oral hearing and settle the matter.

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

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