

Complaint Issued Against Miller Cattle Company

Washington, DC (September 13, 2000) ? On August 17, 2000, the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration issued a complaint against Mark A. Miller, doing business as Miller Cattle Company (Miller). Miller is a dealer and market agency buying livestock on a commission basis in Dodge City, Kansas.

The complaint alleges that Miller, after being notified that his \$80,000 bond would terminate, failed to obtain a new bond or its equivalent. Bonds are required under the Packers and Stockyards Act to secure the performance of the firm's livestock obligations. The Act is a fair trade practice and payment protection law that is designed to prevent deceptive practices in the marketing of livestock, meat and poultry.

Should the allegations be proven, Miller could be placed under a cease and desist order, similar to a permanent injunction, and may be ordered to pay a civil penalty. Miller's failure to file an answer to this complaint would constitute an admission of all of the material allegations of the complaint.

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