

GIPSA Files Complaint Against Kenneth Koops of Gettysburg, South Dakota

Washington, DC (April 5, 2001) ? On February 13, 2001, the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration issued an administrative complaint against Kenneth Koops (Koops) of Gettysburg, South Dakota. Koops is registered under the Packers and Stockyards Act (Act) as a livestock dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce.

The complaint alleges that Koops, on several occasions, purchased livestock and failed to pay the full purchase price for the livestock. In addition, Koops allegedly issued checks in payment for livestock, which were returned unpaid. There were insufficient funds on deposit and available in the account, on which they were drawn, when checks were presented for payment.

Koops has 20 days after receipt of the complaint to file an answer to the allegations. Failure to file an answer will constitute an admission of the allegations in the complaint. If an answer is received denying the allegations, a date will be set for an oral hearing. If allegations are proven, Koops may be ordered to stop violating the Act and suspended as a registrant.

The Packers and Stockyards Act is a fair trade practice and payment protection law that promotes fair and competitive marketing environments for the livestock, meat, and poultry industries.

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