

## **Brittingham Consent Decision for Failure to Provide Proper Bonding**

Washington, DC (April 05, 2001) - On December 15, 2000, Carl D. Brittingham, d/b/a Wyoming Livestock Auction (Brittingham) entered into a consent decision with the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration. Brittingham is a market agency selling livestock on commission in Wyoming, Illinois.

Brittingham admitted the jurisdictional allegations in an administrative complaint issued on October 20, 2000, neither admitted nor denied the remaining allegations, waived oral hearing, and consented and agreed, for the purpose of settling this proceeding, to the entry of this decision.

Under the terms of the decision Brittingham, his agents, and employees agreed to cease and desist from engaging in business in any capacity for which bonding is required under the Packers and Stockyards Act (Act) and its regulations without filing and maintaining an adequate bond or its equivalent. Bonds are required under the Act to secure the performance of the firm's livestock payment obligations. Brittingham agreed to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00.

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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