

Complaint Issued Against Wes Myers D/B/A Wes Myers Livestock

WASHINGTON (July 10, 2001) - On June 19, 2001, the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) issued an administrative complaint against Wes Myers d/b/a Wes Myers Livestock (Myers) of Kingfisher, Oklahoma. Myers is registered under the Packers and Stockyards Act (Act), as a dealer, buying and selling livestock in commerce.

The complaint alleges that Myers failed to pay for livestock purchases and issued checks in purported payment for livestock that were returned unpaid by the bank, because of insufficient funds on deposit in the account on which they were drawn when the checks were presented for payment.

Myers, allegedly, regularly used unauthorized trade names in his livestock dealer business, and unfairly and deceptively used the various trade names in the same livestock purchase transaction as though they were separate entities. The complaint also alleges that Myers failed to keep and maintain records that fully and correctly disclose all transactions involving his business subject to the Act.

Myers has 20 days after receipt of the complaint in which to file an answer to the allegations stated in it. Failure to file an answer shall constitute an admission of the allegations. If an answer is received denying the allegations, a date will be set for oral hearing. If the allegations are proven, Wes Myers may be ordered to stop violations of the Act, suspended as a registrant under the Act, and assessed a civil penalty.

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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