

## **ROD SUHR AGREES TO CONSENT DECISION**

WASHINGTON, March 1, 2002 - On Feb. 8, 2002, Rod Suhr of Atlantic, Iowa, entered into a consent decision with the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) to settle an amended complaint issued on Sept. 14, 2001. Suhr is registered under the Packers and Stockyards Act (P&S Act), as a dealer, buying and selling livestock for his own account, and as a market agency buying on commission.

Suhr admitted to the jurisdictional allegations in the complaint, but neither admitted nor denied the remaining allegations. He has waived an oral hearing, and consented and agreed, for the purpose of settling the complaint, to the entry of this decision.

Under the terms of the consent decision, Suhr, in connection with his operations subject to the P&S Act, agreed to stop engaging in business in any capacity for which bonding is required under the P&S Act and its regulations, without obtaining an adequate bond or its equivalent. Suhr also agreed to pay, when due, the full purchase price of his livestock purchases.

Suhr is suspended as a registrant under the P&S Act for five years, and thereafter, until he obtains the required bond or approved bond equivalent. A supplemental order may be issued terminating Suhr's suspension at any time after 180 days upon demonstration by Suhr that all unpaid livestock sellers have been paid in full, and he has obtained the required bond or bond equivalent. The suspension may be modified after 180 days, upon application by Suhr, to permit his salaried employment by another registrant or packer.

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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