

CONSENT DECISION SUSPENDS REGISTRANT CLYDE BOYD SR. AND CLEBURNE LIVESTOCK AUCTION

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26, 2002 - On June 20, 2002, USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) entered into a consent decision against the Livestock Auction of Cleburne, Inc., d.b.a. Cleburne Livestock Auction and Cleburne Livestock Auction, Inc. (Cleburne) in Cleburne, Texas and Clyde A. Boyd Sr. (Boyd) of Ft. Worth, Texas, the alter ego of the corporation. Cleburne and Boyd, a market agency, are subject to the provisions of the Packers and Stockyards Act (P&S Act) and regulations. Cleburne ceased operations in October 2000. The Cleburne, Texas market is currently operating under new ownership and will not be affected by this order.

The decision ordered Cleburne and Boyd to stop from failing to properly maintain the custodial account for shippers' proceeds, issuing insufficient funds checks for livestock sold on a consignment basis, failing to remit the full amount due to sellers on the sale of livestock, and operating while insolvent with current liabilities exceeding current assets.

Boyd and Cleburne were suspended as registrants under the P&S Act for a period of five years and thereafter until the shortage in the custodial account and the insolvency are corrected. If, after 240 days, Cleburne and Boyd are able to demonstrate that full restitution has been made to livestock sellers and consignors, and the custodial account shortage and insolvency have been eliminated, they may apply to Packers and Stockyards Programs for a supplemental order to be issued terminating the suspension.

Additionally, if a reasonable and current schedule of restitution can be established ensuring that the livestock sellers and consignors will be paid in full, the order may be modified to allow Boyd to work as the salaried employee of another registrant or packer after the expiration of the 240-day period of suspension.

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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