

## **Decision Reached In GIPSA's Case Against Josephine E. Bonaccurso, Inc., D/B/A Salem Packing Co. And Anthony Bonaccurso**

WASHINGTON, July 9, 2002 - On June 24, 2003, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration reached a consent agreement with Josephine E. Bonaccurso, Inc., d.b.a. Salem Packing Co., and Anthony Bonaccurso (Salem Packing) of Salem, N.J. Salem Packing, while not admitting or denying the allegations of GIPSA's complaint, agreed to waive an oral hearing and to the entry of the consent decision.

Under the terms of the decision, Salem Packing, in connection with its operations subject to the P&S Act, is ordered: (1) to stop failing to pay the full purchase price of livestock; (2) to stop failing to make timely payment of the full purchase price of livestock; and (3) to stop engaging in any business in any capacity for which bonding is required without filing and maintaining an adequate bond or bond equivalent as required by the P&S Act and regulations. Salem Packing was also assessed a civil penalty of \$25,000.00. The provisions of this order became effective on the sixth day after service of this order.

The P&S 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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