

GIPSA Complaint Issued Against Curtis W. Minzenmayer

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30, 2003 - On December 16, 2003, USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration issued an administrative complaint against Curtis W. Minzenmayer (Minzenmayer) of Abilene, Texas. Minzenmayer is engaged in the business of buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account and as a registered dealer subject to the requirements of the Packers and Stockyards Act (P&S Act) and regulations.

The complaint alleges that Minzenmayer violated the P&S Act and regulations by issuing checks in payment for livestock that were returned unpaid by the bank because he did not have sufficient funds available in the account. The complaint further alleges that Minzenmayer failed to pay, when due, the full purchase price of livestock. As of January 16, 2003, a total of \$166,583.83 remained unpaid.

Minzenmayer has 20 days from receiving the complaint to file an answer to the allegations outlined in the complaint. Failure to file an answer within the time allowed will constitute an admission of the allegations. A denial of the allegations will result in an oral hearing. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Minzenmayer may be ordered to stop violating the P&S Act, suspended as a registrant operating under the P&S Act, and assessed a civil penalty.

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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