

GIPSA Publishes Notice Deposting Four Stockyards

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13, 2004 - The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration today published a notice in the Federal Register announcing that the Agency is deposing 4 stockyards. The facilities can no longer be used as stockyards and, therefore, are no longer required to be posted.

Section 302 (b) of the Packers and Stockyards Act requires the Secretary to determine which stockyards meet the definition of "stockyard," and to notify the owner of the stockyard and the public of that determination by posting a notice in each designated stockyard. After giving notice to the stockyard owner and to the public, the stockyard must be operated subject to the provisions of Title III of the P&S Act (7 U.S.C. 201-203 and 205-217a) until the Secretary deposes the stockyard by public notice.

GIPSA deposes a stockyard when the facility can no longer be used as a stockyard. Some of the reasons a facility can no longer be used as a stockyard include: the operation has been moved, and the posted facility is abandoned; the facility has been torn down or otherwise destroyed, such as by fire; the facility is dilapidated beyond repair; or the facility has been converted and its function changed.

The stockyards that are deposed are: Western Slope Livestock Auction, Montrose, Colorado; Weiser Livestock Commission, Weiser, Idaho; Nixa Livestock Auction Co., Nixa, Missouri; and Ennis Livestock Market Co., Ennis, Texas. Further information can be found on the GIPSA website at www.usda.gov/gipsa by following the link titled Rulemaking.

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