

GIPSA Lodges Complaint Against Bobby L. Brotherton D.B.A. B&B Cattle Company

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21, 2004 - On July 30, 2004, USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) filed a complaint against Bobby L. Brotherton doing business as B&B Cattle Company of Palestine, Texas (B&B). B&B buys and sells livestock for his own account and is a dealer subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act (P&S Act) and regulations.

In its complaint, GIPSA alleges that B&B violated the P&S Act and regulations by failing to pay, when due, for livestock purchases totaling \$256,147.11. The complaint also alleges that B&B failed to keep and maintain complete records of its business transactions.

Failure to file an answer to GIPSA's complaint 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, B&B 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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