

GIPSA Files Complaint Against S.A. Hallal Meat Inc., D.B.A. Hallal Meat Inc. And Mohammad Arshad

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21, 2004 - On July 30, 2004, USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) filed a complaint against S.A. Hallal Meat Inc., doing business as Hallal Meat Inc. and Mohammad Arshad (Hallal) of Brooklyn, N.Y. Hallal buys livestock for slaughter and is a packer subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act (P&S Act) and regulations.

GIPSA alleges that Hallal violated the P&S Act and regulations by issuing insufficient funds checks, and failing to pay, when due, for livestock purchases. As of May 14, 2004, a total of \$67,602.81 remained unpaid. Hallal also 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, Hallal may be ordered to stop violating 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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