

GIPSA Files Complaint Against R. Robert Lamb

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21, 2004 - On Aug. 25, 2004, USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) filed a complaint against R. Robert Lamb (Lamb) of Burnettsville, Ind. Lamb is a dealer buying and selling livestock for his own account and is a market agency buying livestock on a commission basis. Lamb, as a dealer and market agency, is subject to the requirements of the Packers and Stockyards Act (P&S Act) and regulations.

GIPSA alleges that Lamb violated the P&S Act when he purchased livestock and failed to pay, when due, for his livestock purchases.

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 allegation is admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Lamb 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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