

GIPSA Complaint Issued Against Leo E. Buchheit

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21, 2004 - On July 30, 2004, USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration issued an administrative complaint against Leo E. Buchheit (Buchheit) of Perryville, Missouri. Buchheit 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 Buchheit 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. GIPSA also alleges that Buchheit failed to maintain an adequate bond to secure the performance of his livestock obligations.

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, Buchheit 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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