

GIPSA Complaint Filed Against A.J. Peachey & Sons

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21, 2004 - On Aug. 27, 2004, USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) filed a complaint against A.J. Peachey & Sons Inc. (Peachey) of Belleville, Penn. Peachey buys and sells livestock for slaughter and is a packer subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act (P&S Act) and regulations. GIPSA alleges that Peachey violated the P&S Act and regulations by failing to pay, when due, for 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, Peachey 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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