

Washington Livestock Market Center, Inc., D.B.A. Quincy Livestock Market, And John Roderick Nuckolls Subject Of GIPSA Complaint

WASHINGTON, Nov.23, 2004 - On Oct. 8, 2004, USDA's Grain Inspection Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) filed a complaint against Washington Livestock Market Center, Inc., doing business as Quincy Livestock Market (Quincy), and John Roderick Nuckolls (Nuckolls) of Quincy, Wash. Quincy is a posted stockyard and is a registered market agency selling livestock on a commission basis subject to the provisions of the Packers and Stockyards Act (P&S Act). Both Quincy and Nuckolls filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy on Oct. 6, 2004.

GIPSA alleges that Quincy under the direction, management, and control of Nuckolls and in violation of the P&S Act failed to maintain and properly use its custodial account, issued insufficient funds checks, did not pay the full purchase price of livestock within the time period required by the P&S Act, and failed to properly maintain business records the fully and correctly disclosed all 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, Quincy and Nuckolls 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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