

## **Decision Issued Against Nour Halal Meat Distributer, Inc., D.B.A. Nour Halal Meats, And Hamdy Farag**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23, 2004 - On Oct. 4, 2004, USDA issued a consent decision against Nour Halal Meat Distributer, Inc. doing business as Nour Halal Meats (Nour Halal), and Hamdy Farag (Farag) of Imler, Pa. Nour Halal is engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce for slaughter, marketing meats and meat food products, or livestock products, as a wholesale broker, dealer, or distributor. Nour Halal is a packer and is subject to the requirements of the Packers and Stockyards Act. Farag, along with his wife Gehad Faraq is the owner of Nour Halal, and is the general manager.

The consent decision ordered Nour Halal and Farag to pay for the full purchase price of livestock, make timely payments for the full purchase price of livestock, and file and maintain a bond or bond equivalent. Nour Halal Meat Distributer, Inc., and Hamdy Farag, jointly and severally, were assessed a civil penalty of \$7,500.

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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