

USDA Issues A Consent Decision Against William Gomez D.B.A Stuart Sale Barn, And Perry Sales Pavilion

WASHINGTON, Dec.15, 2004 - On Nov. 23, 2004, USDA issued a consent decision against William C. Gomez d.b.a. Stuart Sale Barn and Perry Sales Pavilion in the cities of Stuart and Perry, Iowa, respectively. Gomez is engaged in the business of conducting and operating Stuart Sale Barn and Perry Sales Pavilion as posted stockyards, and is registered as a market agency subject to the requirements of the Packers and Stockyards Act (P&S Act) and regulations.

Gomez was ordered to deposit sales proceeds into the custodial account in a timely manner, maintain the custodial account in strict accordance with the regulations, to stop unlawfully using funds from the proceeds of consigned livestock, to pay owners and consignors as required under the P&S Act, and maintain sufficient funds in the custodial account. William C. Gomez was suspended for a period of 21 days or after that and until he is able to demonstrate that custodial Account shortages have been eliminated.

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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