

GIPSA Issues a Complaint Against Beken Livestock, Inc. and Bradley S. Beken

WASHINGTON, March 2, 2006 - On February 8, 2006, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration filed a complaint against Beken Livestock, Inc. and Bradley S. Beken, Weimer, Texas. Beken Livestock is engaged in the business of a dealer, buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account and is a registered dealer, buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account. Beken is President, one-hundred percent holder of the stock of Beken Livestock, and is responsible for the direction, management and control of Beken Livestock.

GIPSA alleges that Beken Livestock, under the direction, management, and control of Beken, failed to pay the full amount of the purchase price for livestock within the time period required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

Failure to file an answer to GIPSA's complaint within the time allowed constitutes an admission of the allegations. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Respondents may be ordered to cease and desist from the violations found to exist; suspend Becken Livestock as a registrant 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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