

GIPSA Issues a Complaint Against David Vander Kooi

WASHINGTON, March 9, 2006 - On December 14, 2005, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration filed a complaint against David Vander Kooi, Merrill, Iowa. Vander Kooi engaged in the business of a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account and is registered as a dealer to buy and sell livestock in commerce for his own account.

GIPSA alleges that Vander Kooi failed to pay promptly for livestock purchases; failed to pay the full amount of the purchase price for livestock; failed to keep records that fully and correctly disclosed all transaction involved in his business; and failed to keep: checking account balance records, check transaction records, accounts receivable journals, cash receipt journals, and invoices.

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, Vander Kooi may be ordered to cease and desist from the violations found to exist and assessed civil penalties as are authorized under the Packers and Stockyards Act.

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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