

GIPSA Issues a Complaint Against Nicholas Meat Packing and Eugene A. Nicholas

WASHINGTON, May 9, 2006 - On April 27, 2006, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) filed a complaint against Nicholas Meat Packing (Meat Packing) and Eugene A. Nicholas (Nicholas), Loganton, Pennsylvania. Meat Packing was engaged in the business of purchasing livestock in commerce for the purpose of slaughter and manufacturing or preparing meats or meat food products for sale or shipment in commerce and a packer within the meaning of and subject to the provisions of the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act. Nicholas is President; 100% owner; responsible for the management, direction, and control of Meat Packing; and a packer subject to the P&S Act.

GIPSA alleges that Meat Packing under the direction, management, and control of Nicholas purchased livestock and failed to pay, when due, the full purchase price of the livestock.

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, Meat Packing and Nicholas may be ordered to cease and desist from violations found to exist 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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