

## **GIPSA Issues a Complaint Against Kenneth E. Barrows, d/b/a Schaller's Meats or North American Packers**

WASHINGTON, May 9, 2006 - On May 1, 2006, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) filed a complaint against Kenneth E. Barrows (Barrows), d/b/a Schaller's Meats or North American Packers, Bridgewater, New York. Barrows was engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce for the purpose of slaughter, manufacturing or preparing meats or meat food products for sale or shipment in commerce and marketing meat food products acting as a wholesale broker dealer or distributor in commerce, and a packer subject to the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

GIPSA alleges that Barrows purchased livestock and failed to pay; failed to pay, when due, the full purchase price of the livestock; and failed to keep records that fully and correctly disclosed all transactions involved in his business.

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, Barrows 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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