

GIPSA Issues A Complaint And Notice of Hearing Against Pork King Packing, Inc. and Thomas Mileski

WASHINGTON, June 28, 2006 - On June 21, 2006, the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) filed a complaint and notice of hearing against Pork King Packing, Inc. (Pork King) and Thomas Mileski (Mileski), Marengo, Illinois. Pork King was engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce for purposes of slaughter and is a packer subject to the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act. Mileski is the president and twenty-five percent owner of Pork King; is in charge of hog procurement and accounting for Pork King; and is a packer subject to the P&S Act.

GIPSA alleges that Pork King and Mileski, despite a 1998 cease and desist order and letters of notice, continued failing to pay for livestock within the time period required by the 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, Pork King and Mileski may be ordered to cease and desist from the violations found to exist, and assessed civil penalties as are authorized under the P&S 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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