

USDA Charges Kent Frisell with Violating the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, February 22, 2007 - On January 18, 2007, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) filed a complaint against Kent Frisell (Frisell), Holdredge, Nebraska.

Those who engage in the business of a market agency buying livestock on a commission basis in commerce are subject to the provisions of the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act. Frisell is neither registered or bonded to conduct such activity.

GIPSA has evidence that Frisell engaged in the business of buying and selling livestock in commerce on a commission basis without being registered with the Secretary and without maintaining an adequate bond.

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, Frisell may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act and be 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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