

Chebalse Grain, Inc., Pays Penalty to Settle USDA Charges

WASHINGTON, DC, April 30, 2007 - Chebalse Grain, Inc., Chebalse, IL agreed to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty to settle an enforcement action brought by USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

Chebalse was charged with deceptively loading two railcars of corn and attempting to cause the issuance of false official grain inspection certificates. Such action is a violation of the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA), 7 U.S.C. 87b.

The complaint filed against Chebalse was the result of an investigation conducted by GIPSA under the authority of the USGSA. The USGSA provides for the establishment of U.S. grain standards, and for the official inspection and weighing of grain shipped in domestic and international commerce.

GIPSA facilitates the marketing of livestock, poultry, meat, cereals, oilseeds, and related agricultural products, and promotes fair and competitive trading practices for the overall benefit of consumers and American agriculture.

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