

GIPSA Alleges Tracy Carter Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, April 20, 2009 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Tracy Carter (Carter), Bowling Green, Kentucky, engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce, on a commission basis, without maintaining an adequate bond.

On April 3, 2009, GIPSA filed a complaint against Carter. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Carter may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended and assessed a civil penalty.

Carter is engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce on a commission basis and is registered with the Secretary of Agriculture as a dealer.

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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