

GIPSA Alleges Warren Hudspeth Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, May 21, 2009 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Warren Hudspeth (Hudspeth), Pilot Point, Texas:

- issued checks without having sufficient funds available; and
- failed to pay the full amount of the purchase price for livestock within the time period required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

On May 8, 2009, GIPSA filed a complaint against Hudspeth. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Hudspeth may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act, suspended and assessed a civil penalty.

Hudspeth is engaged in the business of buying and selling livestock in commerce as a dealer for his own account and for the account of others 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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