

G. Patrick Zweifel, dba S&P Livestock Exchange, and dba Springtime Sales, and Springtime Dairy is Suspended as a Registrant

WASHINGTON, August 3, 2009 - On May 18, 2009, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) issued a default decision against G. Patrick Zweifel (Zweifel), doing business as S&P Livestock Exchange, and Springtime Sales, and Springtime Dairy, Orfordville, Wisconsin.

Zweifel has been ordered to cease and desist from:

- engaging in business in any capacity for which bonding is required under the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act without filing and maintaining an adequate bond;
- issuing checks without maintaining sufficient funds;
- failing to pay for livestock purchases in a timely manner; and
- failing to pay the full purchase price for livestock purchases.

Zweifel is suspended as a registrant under the P&S Act for a period of 5 years.

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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