

Sioux-Preme Packing Co., Inc. dba Sioux-Preme Pork Products, Ltd. is Assessed a Civil Penalty in the Amount of \$11,000

WASHINGTON, August 27, 2009 - On August 11, 2009, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) entered into a decision without hearing by reason of consent with Sioux-Preme Packing Co., Inc. (Sioux-Preme), doing business as Sioux-Preme Pork Products, Ltd., Sioux Center, Iowa.

Sioux-Preme is ordered to cease and desist from failing to comply with 9 C.F.R. § 201.71 of the regulations and the applicable requirements contained in the General Code, Scale Code, and Weights Code of the 1996 edition of National Institute of Standards and Technology Handbook 44, "Specifications, Tolerances, and Other Technical Requirements for Weighing and Measuring Devices, " (Handbook 44) which is incorporated in 9 C.F.R. § 201.71 by reference.

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This decision resolves charges that were filed on June 16, 2009, in which GIPSA alleged that Sioux-Preme purchased livestock, and in connection with those purchases, failed to maintain and operate its livestock scale to ensure accurate weights.

The Packers and Stockyards 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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