

GIPSA Alleges Richard Hale Failed to Pay for Livestock Purchases

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15, 2009 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Richard Hale (Hale), Twin Falls Idaho, failed to pay sellers for the sale of their livestock within the time period required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Hale on September 30, 2009. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Hale may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act, suspended and assessed a civil penalty.

Hale 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. He is also registered with the Secretary of Agriculture as a dealer to buy and sell livestock in commerce for his own account and for the account of others.

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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