

GIPSA Alleges Ruben S. Saavedra, Jr. Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30, 2009 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that, Ruben S. Saavedra, Jr. (R. Saavedra), Jarales, New Mexico, bought livestock on commission without being registered with the Secretary of Agriculture and did not maintain an adequate bond.

GIPSA filed a [complaint](#) against R. Saavedra on November 13, 2009. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, R. Saavedra may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended and assessed a civil penalty.

R. Saavedra engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce on a commission bases and operated as a dealer or market agency. R. Saavedra is not registered as a dealer or market agency with the Secretary of Agriculture. On December 5, 2008, he filed an application for registration, but did not file a bond or bond equivalent.

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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