

GIPSA Settles Two Cases Resulting in \$5,150 in Civil Penalties

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14, 2010 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration's (GIPSA) enforcement rules provide a mechanism to quickly resolve violations of the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act. GIPSA may offer an alleged violator the option of waiving their right to a hearing and entering into a stipulation agreement to quickly resolve alleged violations.

GIPSA recently settled two cases resulting in \$5,150 in civil penalties.

Randy Deaton, London, Kentucky, waived his right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and paid a penalty of \$1,150 after GIPSA found that he failed to pay, when due, for livestock purchases.

KRLM, LLC, dba Knoxville Regional Livestock Market, Knoxville, Iowa, waived its right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and paid a penalty of \$4,000 after GIPSA found that it had custodial account shortages, misused custodial account funds, and operated while insolvent.

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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