

GIPSA Alleges Gailal Sbeta and Mohammed Mesallem, dba Islamic Meat and Poultry Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4, 2010- The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Gailal Sbeta (Sbeta) and Mohammed Messallem (Messallem), doing business as Islamic Meat and Poultry, Stockton, California, failed to pay for livestock purchases within the time period required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

GIPSA filed a [complaint](#) against Sbeta and Messallem on January 22, 2010. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Sbeta, Messallem, and Islamic Meat and Poultry may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act and assessed a civil penalty.

Sbeta, Mesallem and Islamic Meat and Poultry engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce for slaughter; manufacture or prepare meat and meat food products for sale or shipment in commerce; and are packers subject to the P&S Act.

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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