

GIPSA Alleges Eugene Thompson 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 Eugene Thompson (Thompson):

- failed to pay the full amount of the purchase price for livestock within the time period required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act;
- failed to maintain an adequate bond; and
- issued checks without having sufficient funds to cover checks.

GIPSA filed a [complaint](#) against Thompson on January 21, 2010. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Thompson may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Thompson engaged in the business of buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account and for the account of others and is registered with the Secretary of Agriculture as a dealer to buy and sell livestock in commerce for his own account and as a market agency buying on commission.

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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