

## **GIPSA Alleges Duane A. Schmidt Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, Apr. 14, 2010 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration's (GIPSA) has found evidence that Duane A. Schmidt (Schmidt) failed to pay for livestock purchases within the time period required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

GIPSA filed a [complaint](#) against Schmidt on April 2, 2010. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, he may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Schmidt engaged in the business of buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account as a dealer; 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 Packers and Stockyards 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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