

GIPSA Alleges Gulf Packing Company, LP and Charles L. Booth Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, Apr. 22, 2010 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Gulf Packing Company, LP (Gulf Packing), San Benito, Texas, and Charles L. Booth (Booth):

- purchased livestock and did not pay the full purchase price to the seller, Haw Shoe Farms;
- purchased livestock and made deductions to invoices issued by the seller after the transaction had been completed; and
- purchased livestock and failed to pay for livestock purchases in a timely manner.

GIPSA filed a [complaint](#) against Gulf Packing and Booth on April 14, 2010. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Gulf Packing and Booth may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act and assessed a civil penalty.

Gulf Packing engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce for the purposes of slaughter; slaughtering cattle and manufacturing or preparing meat or meat food products for sale or shipment in commerce; and is a packer.

Booth is president, managing partner, 60% shareholder of Gulf Packing, a packer, and responsible for the day-to-day direction, management and control of Gulf Packing.

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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