

## **GIPSA Settles Cases Resulting in \$6,000 in Civil Penalties**

WASHINGTON, May 6, 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 cases resulting in \$6,000 in civil penalties.

Leo Heinrich, doing business as Heinrich Cattle Company, Bowman, North Dakota, waived his right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and paid a penalty of \$3,500 after GIPSA found that he failed to pay within the time period required by the P&S Act.

Bruce Medley, dba B&M Livestock, Smithville, Tennessee, waived his right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and paid a penalty of \$2,500 after GIPSA found that he failed to pay for livestock within the time period required by the P&S Act.

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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