

GIPSA Alleges American Beef Packers, Inc. Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, May 13, 2010 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that American Beef Packers, Inc. (American Beef), Chino, California, purchased livestock and failed to pay in a timely manner the full purchase price for the livestock purchased.

GIPSA filed a [complaint](#) against American Beef on April 20, 2010. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, American Beef may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act and assessed a civil penalty.

American Beef engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce for the purposes of slaughter and manufacturing or preparing meats or meat products for sale or shipment in commerce and is a packer.

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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