

GIPSA Alleges Robert and Patricia Trindade, dba Newman Livestock Auction Misused Their Custodial Account

WASHINGTON, June 3, 2010 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Robert Trindade and Patricia Trindade, doing business as Newman Livestock Auction, Newman, California:

- issued custodial checks without having sufficient funds to cover checks;
- failed to reimburse the custodial account for bank charges;
- misused custodial account funds by transferring money from the custodial account to the general account; and
- failed to remit the net proceeds due from the sale of livestock on a commission basis to 89 consignors for 168 consignments.

GIPSA filed a [complaint](#) against the Robert and Patricia Trindade on May 11, 2010. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Robert and Patricia Trindade may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Robert and Patricia Trindade were engaged in the business of a market agency selling livestock in commerce on a commission basis, dealers buying and selling livestock in commerce for their own account; and are registered with the Secretary of Agriculture as a market agency selling livestock in commerce on a commission basis and as a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce.

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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