

GIPSA Alleges H.D. Edwards Operated as a Dealer without a Bond

WASHINGTON, June 3, 2010 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that H.D. Edwards, Marana, Arizona:

- operated as a dealer, buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account, without a bond or bond equivalent in violation of the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act; and
- failed to pay the full purchase price for the livestock within the time period required by the P&S Act.

GIPSA filed a [complaint](#) against the H.D. Edwards on May 26, 2010. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, H.D. Edwards may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

H.D. Edwards was operating as a dealer, buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account; and is not registered, as required, as a dealer with the Secretary of Agriculture.

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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