

## **GIPSA Settles a Case Resulting in a \$2,600 Civil Penalty**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10, 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 a case resulting in a \$2,600 civil penalty.

Badr Halal Meat, LLC, Salah Abdalla, Partner, Hassan Boukhari, Partner, Brighton, Tennessee, waived their right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and paid a penalty of \$2,600 after GIPSA found that they failed to pay when due for livestock.

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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