

GIPSA Alleges Steve (Bubba) Kemp, doing business as Kemp Cattle Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17, 2011- The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Steve (Bubba) Kemp (Kemp), doing business as Kemp Cattle, Tolar, Texas:

- engaged in business as a dealer and market agency without maintaining an adequate bond;
- issued checks without having sufficient funds to cover checks;
- purchased livestock and did not pay in a timely fashion the full purchase price for livestock; and
- as of the date of this complaint \$98,150.18 remains unpaid to sellers.

GIPSA filed a [complaint](#) against Kemp January 28, 2011. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Kemp may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended and assessed a civil penalty.

Kemp engaged in the business of buying and selling livestock in commerce as a dealer or buying on a commission basis in commerce; is not registered as a dealer or market agency with the Secretary of Agriculture; and operates as a market agency and dealer within the jurisdiction of the Secretary and subject to the provisions of 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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