

GIPSA Alleges Vernon Black Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, March 3, 2011 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Vernon Black (Black) operated as a market agency without being registered and maintaining a bond.

GIPSA filed a [complaint](#) against Black on February 17, 2011. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Black may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended and assessed a civil penalty.

Black engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce on a commission basis and is not registered with the Secretary of Agriculture.

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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