

GIPSA Settles a Case Resulting in a \$750 Civil Penalty

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10, 2011- 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 \$750 civil penalty.

Grove Livestock Auction, Inc., (Grove), Grove, Oklahoma, was advised that it had operated without being registered as required by the P&S Act.

Grove waived its right to a hearing, admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, and neither admits nor denies the violations, and consents and agrees for the purpose of settling this matter to pay the sum of \$750.

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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