

**Gailal Sbeta and Mohammad Mesallem, dba Islamic Meat and Poultry
Have Been Assessed a Civil Penalty in the Amount of \$4,000**

WASHINGTON, Apr. 7, 2011- On March 28, 2011, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration entered into a consent decision with Gailal Sbeta (Sbeta) and Mohammad Mesallem (Mesallem), doing business as Islamic Meat and Poultry, Stockton, California.

Sbeta and Mesallem have been ordered to cease and desist from failing to pay for livestock purchases within the time period required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

They have also been assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$4,000.

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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