

GIPSA Alleges Clay Billingsley Operated as a Market Agency Without Being Registered and Bonded

WASHINGTON, Apr. 21, 2011- The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration's (GIPSA) has found evidence that Clay Billingsley, Frankston, Texas, operated as a market agency without being registered and bonded.

GIPSA filed a **complaint** against Clay Billingsley on April 8, 2011. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Clay Billingsley may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended and assessed a civil penalty.

Clay Billingsley engaged in the business of a market agency purchasing 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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