

GIPSA Alleges Clay Billingsley Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, June 2, 2011- The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration's (GIPSA) has found evidence that Clay Billingsley (Billingsley), Frankston, Texas, operated as a market agency without registering with the Secretary of Agriculture or maintaining an adequate bond as required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act and the Regulations.

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

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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