

GIPSA Settles a Case Resulting in a \$3,000 Civil Penalty

WASHINGTON, June 9, 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 settled a case resulting in a \$3,000 civil penalty.

Mark Colgan, Laura, Illinois -- waived his right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and paid a penalty of \$3,000 after GIPSA found that he failed to pay when due for livestock.

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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