

GIPSA Alleges Stagno's Meat Company, Inc. Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, July 28, 2011- The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration's (GIPSA) has found evidence that Stagno's (Stagno's) Meat Company, Inc., Modesto, Calif:

Failed to pay, when due, for livestock purchases;

Failed to pay for livestock on actual hot weights; and

Charged a kill charge service fee for each transaction.

GIPSA filed a **complaint** against Stagno's on July 12, 2011. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Stagno's may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act and assessed a civil penalty.

Stagno's engaged in the business of a buying livestock in commerce for the purpose of slaughter; engaged in the business of manufacturing or preparing meat and meat food products for sale or shipment in commerce; and is a packer.

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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