

## **George Gonzalez is assessed A Civil Penalty in the Amount of \$1,230**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11, 2011- On July 26, 2011, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration's (GIPSA) entered into a consent decision with George Gonzalez (Gonzalez), Donna, Texas.

Gonzalez has been ordered to cease and desist from engaging in operations subject to the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act without maintaining an adequate bond and proper registration and assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,230.

Gonzalez no longer operates as a market agency subject to the P&S Act. If Gonzalez wishes to resume operations subject to the P&S Act, Gonzalez must register and obtain a proper bond before resuming operations.

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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