

GIPSA Alleges American Beef Company, LLC, Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18, 2011- The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration's (GIPSA) has found evidence that American Beef Company, LLC (American Beef), Rockville, Mo.:

- operated as a packer without obtaining a proper bond or bond equivalent. American Beef continued to operate after being notified by GIPSA that it must obtain a \$130,000 clause 4 bond or bond equivalent before it continues to purchase livestock; and
- failed to pay the full purchase price for livestock in a timely fashion.

GIPSA filed a [complaint](#) against American Beef on July 28, 2011. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, American Beef may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act and assessed a civil penalty.

American Beef engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce for the purposes of slaughter and manufacturing or preparing meat or meat 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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