

Royal Halal Meats, Inc. Is Assessed a Civil Penalty in the Amount of \$10,000

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8, 2011 – On July 5, 2011, the U.S. Department of Agriculture issued a default decision against Royal Halal Meats, Inc. (Royal Halal), Detroit, Michigan, in which Royal Halal was ordered to cease and desist from:

- failing to pay the full purchase price for livestock purchases in a timely fashion; and
- issuing checks for livestock purchases without having sufficient funds to cover the checks.

Royal Halal has also been assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$10,000.

The default decision resolves charges that were filed on August 6, 2010, in which Royal Halal was alleged to have:

- purchased livestock on a live-weight basis and failed to pay the full purchase price for livestock;
- issued a check for livestock purchases without having sufficient funds to cover the check; and
- as of the date of the complaint, approximately \$58,535.94 remained unpaid for livestock purchases.

The P&S 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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