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GIPSA Alleges David Ballou Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3, 2011 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that David Ballou (Ballou), Fletcher, Oklahoma:

- operated as a market agency without being registered and providing a bond; and
- bought livestock in commerce on a commission basis without a bond.

GIPSA filed a [complaint](#) against Ballou on September 15, 2011. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Ballou may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended and assessed a civil penalty.

Ballou engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce on a commission basis and is not registered with the Secretary of Agriculture.

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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