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**GIPSA Alleges Richard Hayes
Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27, 2011 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Richard Hayes, Hereford, Texas:

- purchased livestock and failed to pay the full amount of the livestock purchase price;
- failed to pay, when due, in a timely fashion the full amount of livestock purchase prices;
- issued checks without having sufficient funds to cover checks; and
- failed to keep records which fully and correctly disclosed all transactions involved in his business as a livestock dealer.

GIPSA filed a [complaint](#) against Richard Hayes on October 11, 2011. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Richard Hayes may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Richard Hayes was engaged in the business of buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account and is 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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