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GIPSA Alleges Ryan Sanders 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 Ryan Sanders (respondent):

- engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce on a commission basis without registering or maintaining an adequate bond;
- purchased livestock and failed to pay the full purchase price for the livestock purchased;
- issued checks for partial payment for livestock purchases which were returned by the bank because he did not have sufficient funds to cover the checks. The checks, totaling \$80,631.13, remain unpaid as of the date of this complaint.

GIPSA filed a [complaint](#) against the respondent on October 13, 2011. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, the respondent may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended and assessed a civil penalty.

Ryan Sanders was 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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