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**Clausen Meat Packing, Inc., Michelle Tsao, and Kenneth Khoo
Have Been Assessed a \$4,000 Civil Penalty**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11, 2012 – On August 8, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration entered into a decision with Clausen Meat Packing, Inc. (Clausen), Michelle Tsao, and Kenneth Khoo, Turlock, Calif.

Clausen, Michelle Tsao, and Kenneth Khoo have been ordered to cease and desist from failing to pay, when due, the full purchase price for livestock purchases.

Clausen, Michelle Tsao, and Kenneth Khoo have been assessed a \$4,000 civil penalty.

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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