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**ZD Quality Meats, Inc. and Jamal Sarameh
Are Assessed a Civil Penalty of \$3,750**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) entered into a consent decision with ZD Quality Meats, Inc., and Jamal Sarameh, Fairview, N.J., on October 31, 2012. ZD Quality Meats, Inc., and Jamal Sarameh have been ordered to cease and desist from engaging in the business of a packer purchasing livestock in commerce for the purposes of slaughter without maintaining an adequate bond or bond equivalent.

ZD Quality Meats, Inc. and Jamal Sarameh have been assessed a civil penalty of \$3,750.

The consent decision resolves charges that were filed on August 24, 2012, in which GIPSA alleged that, ZD Quality Meats, Inc., and Jamal Sarameh engaged in the business of a packer purchasing livestock in commerce for the purposes of slaughter without maintaining an adequate bond.

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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