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Geoffrey S. Martin Has Been Assessed a \$4,000 Civil Penalty

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1, 2012 – On August 7, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) entered into a decision with Geoffrey S. Martin (Martin), of Ruston, La.

Martin has been ordered to cease and desist from engaging in any type of business for which bonding is required without filing and maintaining an adequate bond.

Martin is further prohibited from engaging in business subject to the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act for a period of 30 days without being registered with GIPSA.

Martin has been assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$4,000.

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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