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GIPSA Settles a Case with Greater Omaha Packing Co., Inc. Resulting in a \$24,750 Penalty

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration’s (GIPSA) enforcement rules provide a mechanism to quickly resolve violations of the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act. GIPSA may offer an alleged violator the option of waiving their right to a hearing and entering into a stipulation agreement to quickly resolve alleged violations.

Greater Omaha Packing Co., Inc., Omaha, Neb. -- waived their right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and agreed to pay a penalty of \$24,750 after GIPSA found that on June 30, 2009, Greater Omaha used a scale to weigh beef carcasses that recorded inaccurate or incorrect weights on scale tickets, internal records, and kill sheets or other accounting issued to seller of livestock. Greater Omaha was notified of such violation and immediately made adjustments as evidenced in a subsequent passing scale test. Greater Omaha agrees to maintain using a scale that records accurate and correct weights on scale, internal records, and kill sheets or other accounting issued to sellers of livestock.

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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