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GIPSA Settles a Case with Charles R. Helmick and Buckhannon Stockyards, Inc. Resulting in a \$1,350 Penalty

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18, 2016 – On Oct. 21, 2016, Charles R. Helmick (Helmick) and Buckhannon Stockyards, Inc., Buckhannon, W.Va., waived their right to a hearing and entered into a stipulation agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA). Helmick and Buckhannon Stockyards, Inc. paid a penalty of \$1,350 after GIPSA found that they failed to test scales and provide test results in the second half of 2015 per requirement of the Regulations.

GIPSA enforcement rules provide a mechanism to quickly resolve violations of the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act. GIPSA may offer alleged violators the option of waiving their right to a hearing and entering into a stipulation agreement to quickly resolve alleged violations.

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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