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GIPSA Settles a Case with Lowell Livestock Auction, Inc. Resulting in a \$675 Penalty

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1, 2017 – On Jan. 3, 2017, Lowell Livestock Auction, Inc. (Lowell), Lowell, Ind., waived its 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). Lowell paid a penalty of \$675 after GIPSA found that it failed to test its scale and provide test results in the second half of 2015 and failed to date its scale tickets.

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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