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## **GIPSA Settles a Case with Bonnie L. & Craig K. Schafer, Schafer Livestock, LLC, d/b/a Cows R Us Resulting in a \$2,200 Penalty**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2, 2017 – On Jan. 9, 2017, Bonnie L. & Craig K. Schafer, Schafer Livestock, LLC, doing business as Cows R Us, Warden, Wash., 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). They paid a penalty of \$2,200 after GIPSA found that they charged and collected fees from sellers of livestock beyond those mandated by law or statute and inconsistent with the provisions of the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

GIPSA enforcement rules provide a mechanism to quickly resolve violations of the 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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