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## **GIPSA Settles a Case with Tulare County Stockyard, Inc. Resulting in a \$600 Penalty**

**WASHINGTON**, Feb. 9, 2017 – On Dec. 20, 2016, Tulare County Stockyard, Inc., Dinuba, Calif., 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). Tulare County Stockyard, Inc. paid a penalty of \$600 after GIPSA found that it failed to have its scale tested between July 1 and December 31, 2015.

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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