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## **GIPSA Settles a Case with Farmers Livestock Marketing, A.A.L. Resulting in a \$3,300 Penalty**

**WASHINGTON**, March 1, 2017 – On Feb. 10, 2017, Farmers Livestock Marketing, A.A.L. (Farmers Livestock), Carthage, Miss., 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). Farmers Livestock paid a penalty of \$3,300 after GIPSA found that it failed to disclose the buyer by name on the account of sale when the buyer is an employee of the market. Farmers Livestock also made, issued, and circulated false and misleading reports, records, and representations concerning market conditions, price and sale of livestock.

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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