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GIPSA Settles a Case with Oberlin Livestock Auction, Inc., d/b/a St. Francis Auction Market Resulting in a \$4,000 Penalty

WASHINGTON, March 9, 2017 – On Feb. 23, 2017, Oberlin Livestock Auction, Inc. (Oberlin), doing business as St. Francis Auction Market, Oberlin, Kan., 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). Oberlin paid a penalty of \$4,000 after GIPSA found that it:

- operated with custodial account shortage;
- failed to zero-balance the livestock scale;
- failed to accurately apply tariff fees and charges; and
- failed to maintain adequate records.

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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