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Ernest R. Gard, d/b/a Gard Cattle Company Assessed a \$2,700 Civil Penalty

WASHINGTON, March 24, 2017 – On March 14, 2017, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) entered into a consent decision with Ernest R. Gard (Gard), doing business as Gard Cattle Company, Clovis, N.M.

An Administrative Law Judge ordered Gard to cease and desist from failing to pay, when due, the full purchase price for livestock.

He has been assessed a \$2,700 civil penalty and is suspended as a dealer for a period of 60 days from the effective date of this consent decision.

Pursuant to section 401 of the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, (7 U.S.C. § 221), Gard, his agents and employees, directly or through any corporate or other device, was ordered to maintain complete and accurate records that fully and accurately disclose all transactions.

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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