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## Fresno Livestock Commission, LLC Assessed \$675 Civil Penalty

**WASHINGTON**, March 29 2017 – On March 10, 2017, Fresno Livestock Commission, LLC, Philip and Cindy Tews, Fresno, Calif., 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 \$675 after GIPSA found that they operated with a custodial account shortage.

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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