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Pender Livestock, Inc. Assessed \$5,000 Civil Penalty

WASHINGTON, March 30, 2017 – On March 13, 2017, Pender Livestock, Inc. (Pender), Pender, Neb., 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). Pender paid a penalty of \$5,000 after GIPSA found it marked-up invoices, a deceptive trade practice.

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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