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Bradley S. Beken and Beken Livestock, Inc. Assessed \$3,250 Civil Penalty

WASHINGTON, April 7, 2017 – On March 18, 2017, Bradly S. Beken (Beken) and Beken Livestock, Inc., Weimar, Texas, 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). The paid a penalty of \$3,250 after GIPSA found that they failed to pay, when due, for livestock. They also issued checks in payment for livestock without having sufficient funds on deposit.

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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