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## **Frey Cattle Company, Inc. and Alan Halfmann and Barbara Frey Assessed \$2,500 Civil Penalty**

WASHINGTON, April 7, 2017 – On March 24, 2017, Frey Cattle Company, Inc. and Alan Halfmann and Barbara Frey, Ballinger, 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). They paid a penalty of \$2,500 after GIPSA found that they failed to pay, when due, for livestock purchases.

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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