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## **Justin Larson, d/b/a Larson Livestock Assessed a \$1,800 Civil Penalty**

**WASHINGTON**, May 4, 2017 – On April 7, 2017, Justin Larson (Larson), doing business as Larson Livestock, Monona, Iowa, waived his 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). Larson paid a penalty of \$1,800 after GIPSA found that he failed to disclose weight and price mark-ups when buying on commission. He also made and issued false or misleading reports, records, or representations concerning prices or sales.

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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