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## **GIPSA Alleges Michael Louis Fox Violated The Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11, 2017 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Michael Louis Fox (Fox), Scranton, Ark.:

- engaged in unfair, unjustly discriminatory, or deceptive practices by causing to be generated purchase invoices with false information;
- retained the difference between the purchase price at auction and the marked-up prices to his customers; and
- in addition to the commissions Fox charged his customer, the total amount retained by Fox because of marking up the prices during this time period was approximately \$6,256.18.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Fox on July 6, 2017. The complaint can be found on the [GIPSA website](#). If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Fox may ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended and/or assessed a civil penalty.

Fox was engaged in the business of a market agency buying livestock in commerce on a commission basis; engaged in the business of a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce; and is registered with the Secretary of Agriculture.

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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