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Schenk Packing Co., Inc. and Steven G. Lenz Assessed \$4,175 Civil Penalty

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30, 2017 – On Aug. 16, 2017, Schenk Packing Co., Inc. (Schenk Packing) and Steven G. Lenz (Lenz), Stanwood, Wash., 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). Schenk Packing and Lenz paid a penalty of \$4,175 after GIPSA found that Schenk Packing and Lenz failed to pay, when due for livestock. They also failed to maintain a correct and accurate scale.

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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