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## **Richard R. Saavedra Assessed \$750 Civil Penalty**

**WASHINGTON**, Sept. 29, 2017 – On Aug. 28, 2017, Richard R. Saavedra (Saavedra), Belen, N.M., 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). Saavedra paid a penalty of \$750 after GIPSA found that he purchased his own livestock while operating as a market agency buying on commission to fill livestock purchase orders. He also failed to provide a true written account of such purchases to persons that he purchased for.

GIPSA enforcement rules provide a mechanism to quickly resolve violations of the Packers and Stockyards 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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