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GIPSA Alleges Superior Canadian Livestock Auction, Ltd., Barbara Bezan and Layton Bezan Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11, 2016 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Superior Canadian Livestock Auction, Ltd. (Superior Canadian Livestock), Barbara Bezan and Layton Bezan, Regina, SK S4P3C6 (Canada):

- falsely represented the weight of livestock;
- failed to pay for livestock purchased;
- issued a check without having sufficient funds to cover the check;
- acted as a dealer, purchased cattle, marked-up the price for the sale and added a \$1.00 buying commission, for an unlawful profit of approximately \$5,867.14; and
- purchased livestock and failed to pay, when due, for the livestock purchased.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Superior Canadian Livestock, Barbara Bezan, and Layton Bezan on October 15, 2015. The complaint can be found on the GIPSA website: www.gipsa.usda.gov/psp/enforcement.aspx. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Superior Canadian Livestock, Barbara Bezan, and Layton Bezan may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act, suspended and/or assessed a civil penalty.

Superior Canadian Livestock, Barbara Bezan, and Layton Bezan were engaged in the business of a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce for its own account and the accounts of others and are 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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