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GIPSA Settles a Case with Athens Stockyard, LLC Resulting in a \$6,050 Penalty

WASHINGTON, March 11, 2016 – On March 7, 2016, Athens Stockyard, LLC, Athens, Tenn., waived its 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). Athens Stockyard, LLC agreed to pay a penalty of \$6,050 after GIPSA found that it had custodial account shortages.

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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