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GIPSA Settles a Case with Olean Livestock Market, Inc., Don Bledsoe and Roy O. Houston Resulting in a \$3,000 Penalty

WASHINGTON, April 7, 2016 – On March 30, 2016, Olean Livestock Market, Inc., Don Bledsoe and Roy O. Houston, Eldon, Mo., 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). They agreed to pay a penalty of \$3,000 after GIPSA found that, at least four times, they altered invoices to mark-up livestock prices.

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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