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GIPSA Settles a Case with Robert Kamstra Resulting in a \$1,000 Penalty

WASHINGTON, April 7, 2016 – On March 22, 2016, Robert Kamstra, Graham, Wash., 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). Robert Kamstra agreed to pay a penalty of \$1,000 after GIPSA found he had failed to pay, when due, for 144 head of livestock.

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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