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GIPSA Alleges Carl Mendes, Jr. Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, May 2, 2016 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Carl Mendes, Jr. (Mendes), Hanford, Calif.:

- continued to engage in the business of a dealer buying and selling livestock without obtaining an adequate bond or its equivalent; and
- failed to pay, when due, the purchase price of livestock.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Mendes on Feb. 25, 2016. 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, Mendes may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended and/or assessed a civil penalty.

Mendes was engaged in the business of a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce and is 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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