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GIPSA Settles a Case with El Mesteno Cattle Co., LLC Resulting in a \$3,250 Penalty

WASHINGTON, May 2, 2016 – On April 12, 2016, El Mesteno Cattle Co., LLC (El Mesteno), Friona, Texas, 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). El Mesteno agreed to pay a penalty of \$3,250 after GIPSA found El Mesteno operated while insolvent and failed to pay, when due, for 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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