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GIPSA Settles a Case with Cureton Livestock Market, LLC, d/b/a Fredericktown Auction Co. Resulting in a \$2,750 Penalty

WASHINGTON, May 17, 2016 – On April 14, 2016, Cureton Livestock Market, LLC (Cureton Livestock), doing business as Fredericktown Auction Co., Fredericktown, Mo., 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). Cureton Livestock agreed to pay a penalty of \$2,750 after GIPSA alleged Cureton Livestock engaged in deceptive trade practices by refunding or remitting a portion of the tariff rate or charges to certain consignors.

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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