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Thomas H. Hodge, Jr., d/b/a People's Livestock Auction, Hodge Cattle Co. and Hodge 21 Ranch Assessed a Civil Penalty in the Amount of \$20,500

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4, 2016 – On Sept. 6, 2016, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) entered into a decision and order with Thomas H. Hodge, Jr. (Hodge), doing business as People's Livestock Auction, Hodge Cattle Co., and Hodge 21 Ranch, Houston, Miss.

An administrative law judge ordered Hodge to cease and desist from purchasing livestock and failing to pay, when due, the full purchase price for the livestock purchased.

Hodge has also been assessed a \$20,500 civil penalty.

The decision resolves a complaint that was filed Feb. 25, 2016.

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