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Mohammad S. Malik and Kiran Enterprises, Inc., dba Trenton Halal Meat Packing Co. Has Been Assessed a Civil Penalty of \$31,600

WASHINGTON, Apr. 26, 2012 – On January 23, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued a default decision against Mohammad S. Malik and Kiran Enterprises, Inc., doing business as Trenton Halal Meat Packing Co. (respondents), Trenton, N.J., which the respondents appealed to the USDA Judicial Officer with a request that he suspend or waive the assessed civil penalty. The USDA Judicial Officer issued his decision, rejecting the respondent's request, which became final and effective on March 8, 2012. The respondents have been ordered to cease and desist from failing to pay, within the time period required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, the full purchase price of livestock.

They have also been assessed a civil penalty of \$31,600.

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