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**Robert and Patricia Trindade, d/b/a Newman Livestock Auction
Have Been Suspended For Five Years**

WASHINGTON, June 5, 2012 – On February 23, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration entered into a consent decision with Robert Trindade and Patricia Trindade, doing business as Newman Livestock Auction, Newman, Calif.

Robert and Patricia Trindade have been ordered to cease and desist from:

- using funds received as proceeds due from the sale of livestock sold on a commission basis for purposes of their own or for any purpose other than the payment of lawful marketing charges and the remittance of net proceeds to the consignors of livestock;
- failing to maintain their Custodial Account for Shippers’ Proceeds;
- failing to remit the net proceeds due from the sale of livestock on a commission basis; and
- issuing custodial checks without having sufficient funds to cover checks.

Robert and Patricia Trindade are suspended for five years. Any time after three years, if Robert and Patricia Trindade demonstrate circumstances warranting the termination of the consent decision, the consent decision can be modified if they comply with the plan of restitution outlined in the Understanding. Further, the order may be modified upon application to Packers and Stockyards Program to permit Respondents’ salaried employment by a specified registrant or packer for so long as Respondents continue to comply with the plan of restitution outline in the Understanding.

The Packers and Stockyards 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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