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GIPSA Settles a Case with Mallicote, Inc., d/b/a Cattlemen's Livestock Commission Co., Charles Mallicote and Laurie Mallicote Resulting in a \$4,000 Penalty

WASHINGTON, July 5, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration's (GIPSA) enforcement rules provide a mechanism to quickly resolve violations of the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act. GIPSA may offer an alleged violator the option of waiving their right to a hearing and entering into a stipulation agreement to quickly resolve alleged violations.

Mallicote, Inc., doing business as Cattlemen's Livestock Commission Co., Charles Mallicote and Laurie Mallicote, Paris, Texas -- waived their right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and agreed to pay a penalty of \$4,000 after GIPSA found that they issued NSF custodial checks and failed to remit sales proceeds to consignors when due in August 2009.

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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