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GIPSA Alleges Brian Adams Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, Apr. 12, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Brian Adams bought livestock in commerce on a commission basis without maintaining an adequate bond and is not properly registered as required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act and regulations.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Brian Adams on March 26, 2012. The complaint can be found on the GIPSA website: http://www.gipsa.usda.gov/psp/enforcement.html. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Brian Adams may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the P&S Act and assessed a civil penalty.

Brian Adams was engaged in the business of a market agency buying livestock in commerce on a commission basis, and is not registered with the Secretary of Agriculture.

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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