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**GIPSA Alleges Freightout.com, LLC and Lloyd H. Minifie
Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, June 21, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Freightout.com, LLC and Lloyd H. Minifie (Minifie), Moriarty, N.M.:

- purchased livestock in commerce and failed to pay, when due, the full purchase price for the livestock; and
- purchased livestock in commerce without having and maintaining a reasonable bond or bond equivalent.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Freightout.com, LLC and Minifie on June 7, 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, Freightout.com, LLC and Minifie may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act and assessed a civil penalty.

Minifie, with his wife Susan Minifie, at all times was an owner of Freightout.com, LLC. Minifie was responsible for the direction, management, and control of Freightout.com, LLC. Freightout.com, LLC and Minifie were engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce for the purpose of slaughter, and of manufacturing or preparing meats or meat food products for sale or shipment in commerce. They are also packers and subject to the provisions of the P&S Act.

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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