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**Garden Halal Meat, LLC and Mohamed Chitaoui and Fedal Lahsane
Have Been Assessed a \$15,000 Civil Penalty**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16, 2012 – On April 25, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture issued a default decision against Garden Halal Meat, LLC (Garden Halal), and Mohamed Chitaoui (Chitaoui) and Fedal Lahsane (Lahsane), Boston, Mass., which became final and effective on June 4, 2012.

Garden Halal, Chitaoui, and Lahsane have been ordered to cease and desist from:

- failing to pay, when due, the full purchase price of livestock; and
- failing to pay the full purchase price of livestock.

Garden Halal, Chitaoui, and Lahsane have been order to keep accounts, records, and memoranda that fully and correctly disclose all transactions involved in their business as a packer as required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

They have also been assessed a \$15,000 civil penalty.

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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