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GIPSA Alleges Terry Dustin Matthews, d/b/a Moo Moo's Cattle Co. Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Terry Dustin Matthews (Matthews), doing business as Moo Moo's Cattle Co.:

- purchased livestock in commerce and failed to pay, when due, the full purchase price for the livestock; and
- issued checks that were returned because he did not have and maintain sufficient funds to cover the checks.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Matthews on August 31, 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, Matthews may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Matthews was engaged in the business as a dealer, buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account 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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