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GIPSA Alleges Richard Hale Violated a Cease and Desist Order

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2, 2012 – On May 20, 2010, Richard Hale, Twin Falls, Idaho, was ordered to cease and desist from failing to pay, when due, the full purchase price of livestock.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) have found new evidence that Richard Hale continues to purchase livestock and makes payment 5 to 21 days late.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Richard Hale on January 25, 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, Richard Hale may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Richard Hale was a dealer, engaged in the business of buying and selling livestock in commerce, either on his own account or as the agent of the vendor or purchaser and is 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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