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GIPSA Settles a Case with Rusty Oxford, d/b/a Rusty Oxford Cattle Company in a \$700 Penalty

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration’s (GIPSA) enforcement rules provide a mechanism to quickly resolve violations of the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act. GIPSA may offer an alleged violator the option of waiving their right to a hearing and entering into a stipulation agreement to quickly resolve alleged violations.

Rusty Oxford, d/b/a Rusty Oxford Cattle Company, George West, Texas -- waived his right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and agreed to pay a penalty of \$700 after GIPSA found that he failed to pay, when due, for livestock purchases and operated without a bond.

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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