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**Stonnie Sullivan to Pay Fine of \$15,000 for Operating as a Dealer  
without Being Registered with the Secretary of Agriculture**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9, 2012 – On January 27, 2012, a Consent Decree was entered into between The United States Department of Justice, Federal Programs Branch and the Assistant Attorney General for the Western District of Kentucky, on behalf of the Secretary of Agriculture and Stonnie Sullivan.

Stonnie Sullivan has been ordered to pay a \$15,000 civil penalty for engaging in business as a dealer without being registered and maintaining a bond.

Stonnie Sullivan is permanently enjoined from engaging in business in any capacity for which registration and bonding are required under the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act without being registered with the Secretary of Agriculture and maintaining and adequate bond as required by the P&S Act and regulations.

The Packers and Stockyards Program regulates the conduct of packers, swine contractors, live poultry dealers, stockyard owners, market agencies, and dealers and requires that any dealer who engages in business that is subjects to the P&S Act be registered and bonded.

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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