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GIPSA Settles a Case with Patton Junction Livestock Auction, Inc., Done E. Fahrni, Allan Wayne Sharrock & Harold Sharrock Resulting in a \$2,750 Penalty

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14, 2013 – 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.

Patton Junction, Inc., Done E. Fahrni, Allan Wayne Sharrock & Harold Sharrock, Patton, Mo. -- waived their right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and agreed to pay a penalty of \$2,750 after GIPSA found that they operated with a shortage in their custodial account and misused their custodial account.

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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