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Richard Reece Assessed a \$10,000 Civil Penalty And Suspended for 90 Days

WASHINGTON, March 11, 2016 – On March 8, 2016, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) entered into a consent decision and order with Richard Reece, Adel, Iowa.

An Administrative Law Judge ordered Richard Reece to cease and desist from failing to pay and failing to pay, when due, the full purchase price for livestock.

He has also been assessed a \$10,000 civil penalty and is suspended for a period of 90 days. The 90 day suspension shall be held in abeyance until the civil penalty is paid in full. If Reece pays the entire civil penalty and avoids further violation of the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, he will not be required to suspend operations.

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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