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Judgment entered against John E. Lundgren, in favor of the United States of America; Ordered to pay \$41,467.97

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11, 2016 – On Sept. 2, 2016, Assistant United States Attorney, David R. East, filed a Motion for Default and a proposed Order entering Default Judgment against John E. Lundgren (Lundgren), of Mount Vernon, Wash., in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington.

Previously, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) filed administrative complaints against Lundgren that resulted in Default Decisions and Orders (Secretary’s orders) being entered against him in 2010 and 2012. The 2010 Secretary’s order ordered Lundgren to cease and desist from failing to pay, when due, for his livestock purchases and for issuing insufficient funds checks in purported payment for those purchases. The 2012 Secretary’s order ordered Lundgren to cease and desist from engaging in operations subject to the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act without maintaining an adequate bond or bond equivalent and failing to pay, when due, for livestock purchases. He was also ordered to pay civil penalties in the amount of \$18,967.97 and \$22,500, respectively.

A 2013 investigation by GIPSA revealed Lundgren is in violation of both Secretary’s orders. He engaged in 30 additional transactions without having an adequate bond or bond equivalent and failed to pay, when due, for livestock purchases.

On Sept. 9, 2016, the U.S. District Court issued a default judgment against Lundgren ordering payment to the United States of \$18,967.97 and \$22,500 within 60 days from the date of issuance (Case2:16-cv-0016-RSL). Lundgren also was permanently enjoined from operating without obtaining/maintaining a reasonable bond, failing to pay when due, and engaging in unfair and deceptive practices.

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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