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Brian D. Jones Suspended and Assessed a \$36,000 Civil Penalty

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23, 2017 – On Jan. 19, 2016, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) entered into a consent decision with Brian D. Jones (Jones), Bennington, Ind.

An Administrative Law Judge ordered Jones to cease and desist from:

- operating without being registered;
- operating without a proper bond;
- failing to pay for livestock purchases;
- issuing checks without maintaining sufficient funds; and
- failing to keep and maintain adequate records.

Jones is suspended for a period of two years and has been assessed a civil penalty of \$36,000 that will be held in abeyance for the two-year suspension. Jones affirmed it is his understanding that if he, his agents and employees, directly or through any corporate or other device, in connection with his operations subject to the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, commit any future violations of the P&S Act, a request will be made to have the abeyance lifted and Jones will be made accountable for the entire civil penalty. Prior to any dealings under the P&S Act, after the two-year suspension, Jones shall ensure that he is properly registered and adequately 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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