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## **Zahiba Halal Meats, Inc., Daniel W. Ault, Carrie Ault And Corey Hamilton Assessed \$3,750**

WASHINGTON, May 22, 2017 – On Feb. 17, 2017, the U.S. Department of Agriculture issued a Default Decision and Order against Zahiba Halal Meats, Inc. (Zahiba Halal), Daniel W. Ault, Carrie Ault and Corey Hamilton (Hamilton), Fairmont, Ind., which became final and effective on April 3, 2017.

An Administrative Law Judge ordered Zahiba Halal, Daniel W. Ault, Carrie Ault and Hamilton to cease and desist from:

- operating as a packer without a bond or financial instrument;
- issuing checks in payment for livestock purchases without having and maintaining sufficient funds on deposit and available in the account upon which checks are drawn to pay such checks when presented;
- failing to pay for livestock before the close of the next business day following each purchase of livestock, as required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act; and
- failing to keep and maintain accounts, records, and memoranda which fully and correctly disclose all transactions in their business as a packer subject to the P&S Act, including failing to note the date the checks were issued and failing to maintain cash disbursement records showing the date and amount of cash payment, the identity of the person to whom cash payments were made, and the purchase to which the cash payment should be applied.

They were also ordered to maintain adequate records to document livestock purchase transaction in accordance with section 401 of the P&S Act (7 U.S.C. § 221).

Zahiba Halal, Daniel W. Ault, Carrie Ault and Hamilton are ordered to pay a \$3,750 civil penalty.

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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