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Michael Louis Fox Has Been Assessed a \$5,500 Civil Penalty

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29, 2017 – On Sept. 15, 2017, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) entered into a Consent Decision and Order with Michael Louis Fox (Fox), Scranton, Ark.

In the Consent Decision, an Administrative Law Judge ordered Fox to cease and desist:

- engaging in or using any unfair or deceptive practice or device in connection with the purchase or sale of livestock;
- misrepresenting to its principals or to other purchasers of livestock, or aiding and assisting any person to misrepresent to such persons, the original purchases prices, weights or shrinkage allowances of such livestock;
- preparing and issuing, or causing to be prepared and issued, in connection with the purchase or sale of livestock, accounts of purchases, invoices, billings or any other document showing false, inaccurate or misleading price, weight, or shrinkage allowance entries for such livestock; and
- collecting payment from its principals or from other purchasers of livestock, or aiding and assisting any person to collect from such persons, on the basis of false, inaccurate or misleading accounts of sale, invoices or billings.

Fox was also assessed a \$5,500 civil penalty.

The Packers and Stockyards 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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