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Jamey Stephens, d/b/a Stephens Cattle Company Assessed \$2,400 Civil Penalty

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30, 2017 – On Nov. 14, 2017, Jamey Stephens (Stephens), doing business as Stephens Cattle Company, Bynum, Texas, waived his right to a hearing and entered into a stipulation agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA). Stephens paid a penalty of \$2,400 after GIPSA found that he failed to pay, when due, for livestock purchases. He also operated without a bond and kept inadequate records.

GIPSA enforcement rules provide a mechanism to quickly resolve violations of the Packers and Stockyards Act. GIPSA may offer alleged violators the option of waiving their right to a hearing and entering into a stipulation agreement to quickly resolve alleged violations.

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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