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Barnesville Livestock, LLC Assessed \$2,500 Civil Penalty

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4, 2017 – On Nov. 6, 2017, Barnesville Livestock, LLC (Barnesville), New Concord, Ohio, waived its 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). Barnesville paid a penalty of \$2,500 after GIPSA found that it misused its custodial account and had custodial account shortages.

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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