

MARKET ENFORCEMENT BRANCH
HOT NEWS
April 2015

LICENSE DENIALS

Bottlewood Ventures

32091 Canterhill Place
Westlake Village, CA 91361-4817
License denied on April 16, 2015

Ventura Produce

3747 Randolph Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90032
License denied on April 21, 2015

Alvarez Sales Inc

10353 Gunn Avenue
Whittier, CA 90605
License denied on April 27, 2015

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS / LICENSE REVOCATIONS

Department C Wines LLC – San Francisco, CA

273 Battery Street, Suite 200
San Francisco, CA 94111

On December 2, 2014, Department C Wines LLC (DCW) was served with a Statement of Issues, Statement to Respondent, Request for Discovery and a blank Notice of defense. DCW failed to file a Notice of Defense within the time specified and therefore waived its right to a hearing. As a result, DCW was in default.

Respondent's license under the Processors Law was therefore denied effective April 2, 2015.

PROSECUTION UPDATES

Janae and Frane Franicevic dba Sunce Winery – Santa Rosa, CA

On May 14, 2014, a civil complaint was filed against Sunce Winery for unfair business practices under the B & P Code 17200 (operating without a license).

The final judgment was signed and became effective on February 5, 2015. The judgment permanently prohibits Janae and Frane Franicevic from the following:

- Acting as a processor without a Processor's License.
- Purchasing grapes on the basis of weight without having them weighed by a licensed weighmaster and not providing weighmaster certificates to the grower.
- Acting as a weighmaster without a weighmaster license.
- Failing to pay grape growers within the terms of the contracts.
- Engaging in any unfair business practices.

Civil penalties and investigative costs were imposed on Janae and Frane Franicevic.