

Market Enforcement Branch

Hot News
March 2010

LICENSE DENIALS

Sierra Madre Mushrooms Inc
PO Box 4832
Arcata, CA 95518
License denied on March 4, 2010

Antonio Lopez Produce
3824 Lander Avenue
Turlock, CA 95380
License denied on March 8, 2010

Brenda Martin dba Vanite Wines
7200 Pintail Drive
Carlsbad, CA 92011
License denied on March 11, 2010

C & K Trading LLC
2632 E. 54th Street
Huntington Park, CA 90255
License denied on March 15, 2010

Bella Produce Inc
3008 Sillect Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93300
License denied on March 16, 2010

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS / LICENSE REVOCATIONS

COSENTINO SIGNATURE ENTERPRISES, LLC
7415 St. Helena Highway
Yountville, California 94599
License No. G16284

Per a Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge after the conclusion of an Administrative Hearing, License No. G16284 issued to Cosentino Signature Enterprises, LLC is suspended for a period of three months. The decision was approved February 4, 2010 and became effective March 1, 2010.

LOLONIS WINERY

1930 Tice Valley Blvd.
Walnut Creek, California 94595

Stipulation, Decision and Order (Amended)

Lolonis Winery, in lieu of an Administrative Hearing, stipulated that the Department shall place the Respondent's license on probation for a period of four (4) years, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions of probation as set forth in the Stipulation.

The Stipulation was adopted as the Decision of the Department and the Decision and Order is effective March 25, 2010.

SELECTED PRODUCE ASSOCIATES

1626 W. Frontage Rd.
Chula Vista, CA 91911

On October 14, 2009, Selected Produce Associates (Selected) was served with a Statement of Issues. Selected filed a Notice of Defense and an Administrative Hearing was scheduled for December 29, 2010. Selected failed to appear at the scheduled time of the hearing. As a result of their failure to appear, respondent was in default.

Respondent's license application under the Produce Dealers Act was therefore denied effective March 02, 2010.

PROSECUTION UPDATES

Christopher Cisneros dba Sun Ripe Produce – Delano, CA

A criminal complaint was filed against Mr. Cisneros with the Kern County District Attorney's Office alleging that while unlicensed under the Produce Dealers Act, he purchased California grown farm product for resale. Mr. Cisneros was arrested and pled not guilty to the charges filed against him and posted bail. A hearing was set for February 11, 2010 at Delano Superior Court. At the preliminary hearing held February 10, 2010, the defendant changed his not guilty plea to Nolo Contendere to one count of operating without a license (FAC §56632), a misdemeanor, and was found guilty by the court. He was ordered to serve 30 days in jail through the work release program and make restitution in the amount of \$39,260.81 in addition to court costs.

Ignazio Robert Ugenti (Quality First Distribution, Inc.) – San Jose, CA

The Merced County District Attorney accepted a complaint against Mr. Ugenti for operating without a license under the Produce Dealers Act. Mr. Ugenti is alleged to have purchased California farm products for resale without having a dealers license in his possession. Mr. Ugenti failed to appear at his arraignment on October 20, 2009 at the Merced County Superior Court. The judge issued a bench warrant in the amount of \$25,000. The case is pending.

John Bowersox dba High Point Raisin and Nor Cal Raisin – Chowchilla, CA

A criminal complaint was filed against John Bowersox with the Madera County District Attorney's office alleging Grand Theft under the Penal Code and operating without a license under the Food and Agricultural Code. On September 29, 2009, an arrest warrant was issued against Mr. Bowersox for Grand Theft (PC 487 (b) (1) (A)), a felony; and operating without a license under the Food and Agricultural Code (56632), a misdemeanor. Mr. Bowersox was arrested on October 20, 2009 and posted bail.

At his arraignment on November 16, 2009, he pled not guilty to all charges. At a pre-trial conference March 18, 2010, a pre preliminary hearing was set for May 24th and a preliminary hearing was set for July 9th.