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TABC investigates and halts illegal direct-to-consumer alcohol shipments in Tennessee.

(NASHVILLE) After investigations by the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC), seven out-of-state businesses, who combined for approximately 1000 illegal direct-to-consumers shipments of alcohol in Tennessee, were permanently ordered to cease and desist further shipping operations in the state. In recent months, the TABC has increased efforts to end illegal shipments of alcohol across Tennessee through investigations, educational outreach, and communication with industry members. "Wine is the only alcoholic beverage that can be legally shipped direct to consumers in Tennessee, and it requires a Winery Direct Shipper's license issued by the commission," said TABC Director Russell Thomas. All the businesses accused of illegally shipping have been cooperative.

The businesses issued the cease and desist order were:

- Capjon, Inc. aka Grapeswine dot com of Norwalk, CT
- Little Brothers Beverage Outlet of Flemington, NJ
- Schneider's of Capitol Hill of Washington D.C.
- Wine and Spirit Discount Warehouse of New Rochelle, NY
- Wine Chateau of Piscataway, NJ
- AK, LLC. aka Perdido Liquors of Pensacola, FL
- Majac, Inc. aka Canal's Liquors of Merchantville, NJ

The TABC recently discovered the illegal shipments after analyzing common carrier reports compiled by the Tennessee Department of Revenue (TDOR). Tennessee Code Annotated § 57-3-217 requires common carriers to file alcohol delivery reports to TDOR each month. The reports are made available to the general public on the TDOR website and are used by law enforcement to verify compliance with Tennessee law.



Tennessee Code Annotated § 57-3-217 also requires any business that sells and ships wine direct to Tennessee consumers be licensed by the TABC. Businesses that illegally sell alcohol without a license could face possible felony criminal charges for violation of the winery direct shipper's and tax statutes. The TABC will continue to investigate illegal shipments of alcohol in Tennessee and additionally conduct minor compliance checks on common carriers to ensure alcohol is delivered only to those older than 21 years of age.

“Direct shipping of alcohol is highly regulated in Tennessee and across the country for many good reasons. Prohibiting minors from obtaining alcohol, ensuring taxes are being paid, and protecting law abiding businesses are important to public health and safety in our communities,” said Director Thomas.

For more information about the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission, please visit www.tn.gov/abc.

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