STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

NOTICE AND PARTICULARS

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In the matter of:

Alberto Fernandez, Permittee Pan American Properties Carr #2 Km 30 7 Sector Ponderosa Centro Industrial Vega Alta Vega Alta, Pr 00692 Permit No. LSL.0001726 Case No. 2024-276 Backer: Pan American Properties Corp

PURSUANT TO CONN. GEN. STAT. § 30-43 AS AMENDED:

Pursuant to Chapter 545 generally and specifically Section 30-55 of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended, you and a member of the backer limited liability company are hereby summoned to appear before the Department of Consumer Protection of the State of Connecticut, on the **4th day of September 2025** at **9:30 a.m.**, remotely through Microsoft Teams, then and there to answer to the complaint and charges of said Division, the particulars of which are as follows:

Charge 1. Registration of brands (6 counts). From October 25, 2020 through December 31, 2020 you violated Sec. 30-63(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes which provides that no holder of any manufacturer, wholesaler or out-of-state shipper's permit shall ship, transport or deliver within this state, or sell or offer for sale, any alcoholic liquors, except for beer manufactured by a permittee in this state and sold for consumption only on the permittee's premises, unless the name of the brand, trade name or other distinctive characteristic by which such alcoholic liquors are bought and sold, the name and address of the manufacturer thereof and the name and address of each wholesaler permittee who is authorized by the manufacturer or his authorized representative to sell such alcoholic liquors are registered with the Department of Consumer Protection and until such brand, trade name or other distinctive characteristic has been approved by the department. Such registration shall be valid for a period of three years.

Charge 2. Posting and Notice of Prices. From October 25, 2020 through December 31, 2020 you violated Sec. 30-63(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes which provides that for alcoholic liquor other than beer, each manufacturer, wholesaler and out-of-state shipper permittee shall post with the department, on a monthly basis, the bottle, can and case price of any brand of goods offered for sale in Connecticut, which price when so posted shall be

the controlling price for such manufacturer, wholesaler or out-of-state permittee for the month following such posting.

Charge 3. Out of State Shipper Prices to be Filed. From October 25, 2020 through December 31, 2020 you violated Sec. 30-6-B4(a) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies which provides that every out-of-state shipper permittee shall, annually on or before the sixth day of January, file with the department, on forms prescribed by the department, a complete schedule, with each page of such schedule numbered in numerical order, duly verified by the permittee and attested by the backer, if an individual, or if the backer is a corporation, by an officer of such corporation, of all alcoholic liquors offered for sale in Connecticut, which shall contain with respect to each item: (1) The type of beverage and brand name; (2) the size of the container; (3) the age or per cent and type of neutral spirits; (4) the proof; (5) the number of bottles per case; (6) the bottle and case price.

AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

Between October 25, 2020, and December 31, 2020, you shipped and sold the following products – namely, Gasolina, Sangriia (on two separate occasions), Tu Madras, Rum Punch Gasolina, and Gasolina Toronja – without registering those brands with the Department. Additionally, you failed to post the bottle, can and case price for those brands during this period of time. Finally, you failed to file your annual form with the Department which contained all of the alcoholic liquors you were offering for sale in 2020.

Incident 2. January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021

Charge 4. Registration of brands (28 counts). From January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 you violated Sec. 30-63(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes which provides that no holder of any manufacturer, wholesaler or out-of-state shipper's permit shall ship, transport or deliver within this state, or sell or offer for sale, any alcoholic liquors, except for beer manufactured by a permittee in this state and sold for consumption only on the permittee's premises, unless the name of the brand, trade name or other distinctive characteristic by which such alcoholic liquors are bought and sold, the name and address of the manufacturer thereof and the name and address of each wholesaler permittee who is authorized by the manufacturer or his authorized representative to sell such alcoholic liquors are registered with the Department of Consumer Protection and until such brand, trade name or other distinctive characteristic has been approved by the department. Such registration shall be valid for a period of three years.

Charge 5. Posting and Notice of Prices. From January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 you violated Sec. 30-63(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes which provides that for alcoholic liquor other than beer, each manufacturer, wholesaler and out-of-state shipper permittee shall post with the department, on a monthly basis, the bottle, can and case price of any brand of goods offered for sale in Connecticut, which price when so posted shall be the controlling price for such manufacturer, wholesaler or out-of-state permittee for the month following such posting.

Charge 6. Out of State Shipper Prices to be Filed. From January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 you violated Sec. 30-6-B4(a) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies which provides that every out-of-state shipper permittee shall, annually on or before the sixth day of January, file with the department, on forms prescribed by the department, a complete schedule, with each page of such schedule numbered in numerical order, duly verified by the permittee and attested by the backer, if an individual, or if the backer is a corporation, by an officer of such corporation, of all alcoholic liquors offered for sale in Connecticut, which shall contain with respect to each item: (1) The type of beverage and brand name; (2) the size of the container; (3) the age or per cent and type of neutral spirits; (4) the proof; (5) the number of bottles per case; (6) the bottle and case price.

AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

Between January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021, you shipped and sold the following products – namely, Gasolina (on six separate occasions), Sangriia (on nine separate occasions), Tu Madras (on four separate occasions), Rum Punch Gasolina (on five separate occasions), and Gasolina Toronja (on four separate occasions) – without registering those brands with the Department. Additionally, you failed to post the bottle, can and case price for those brands during this period of time. Finally, you failed to file your annual form with the Department which contained all of the alcoholic liquors you were offering for sale in 2021.

Incident 3. January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

Charge 7. Registration of brands (27 counts). From January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 you violated Sec. 30-63(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes which provides that no holder of any manufacturer, wholesaler or out-of-state shipper's permit shall ship, transport or deliver within this state, or sell or offer for sale, any alcoholic liquors, except for beer manufactured by a permittee in this state and sold for consumption only on the permittee's premises, unless the name of the brand, trade name or other distinctive characteristic by which such alcoholic liquors are bought and sold, the name and address of the manufacturer thereof and the name and address of each wholesaler permittee who is authorized by the manufacturer or his authorized representative to sell such alcoholic liquors are registered with the Department of Consumer Protection and until such brand, trade name or other distinctive characteristic has been approved by the department. Such registration shall be valid for a period of three years.

Charge 8. Posting and Notice of Prices. From January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 you violated Sec. 30-63(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes which provides that for alcoholic liquor other than beer, each manufacturer, wholesaler and out-of-state shipper permittee shall post with the department, on a monthly basis, the bottle, can and case price of any brand of goods offered for sale in Connecticut, which price when so posted shall be the controlling price for such manufacturer, wholesaler or out-of-state permittee for the month following such posting.

Charge 9. Out of State Shipper Prices to be Filed. From January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 you violated Sec. 30-6-B4(a) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies which provides that every out-of-state shipper permittee shall, annually on or before the sixth day of January, file with the department, on forms prescribed by the department, a complete schedule, with each page of such schedule numbered in numerical order, duly verified by the permittee and attested by the backer, if an individual, or if the backer is a corporation, by an officer of such corporation, of all alcoholic liquors offered for sale in Connecticut, which shall contain with respect to each item: (1) The type of beverage and brand name; (2) the size of the container; (3) the age or per cent and type of neutral spirits; (4) the proof; (5) the number of bottles per case; (6) the bottle and case price.

AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

Between January 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022, you shipped and sold the following products – namely, Gasolina (on five separate occasions), Sangriia (on ten separate occasions), Tu Madras (on four separate occasions), Rum Punch Gasolina (on four separate occasions), and Gasolina Toronja (on four separate occasions) – without registering those brands with the Department. Additionally, you failed to post the bottle, can and case price for those brands during this period of time. Finally, you failed to file your annual form with the Department which contained all of the alcoholic liquors you were offering for sale in 2022.

Incident 4. January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

Charge 10. Registration of brands (22 counts). From January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 you violated Sec. 30-63(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes which provides that no holder of any manufacturer, wholesaler or out-of-state shipper's permit shall ship, transport or deliver within this state, or sell or offer for sale, any alcoholic liquors, except for beer manufactured by a permittee in this state and sold for consumption only on the permittee's premises, unless the name of the brand, trade name or other distinctive characteristic by which such alcoholic liquors are bought and sold, the name and address of the manufacturer thereof and the name and address of each wholesaler permittee who is authorized by the manufacturer or his authorized representative to sell such alcoholic liquors are registered with the Department of Consumer Protection and until such brand, trade name or other distinctive characteristic has been approved by the department. Such registration shall be valid for a period of three years.

Charge 11. Posting and Notice of Prices. From January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 you violated Sec. 30-63(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes which provides that for alcoholic liquor other than beer, each manufacturer, wholesaler and out-of-state shipper permittee shall post with the department, on a monthly basis, the bottle, can and case price of any brand of goods offered for sale in Connecticut, which price when so posted shall be the controlling price for such manufacturer, wholesaler or out-of-state permittee for the month following such posting.

Charge 12. Out of State Shipper Prices to be Filed. From January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 you violated Sec. 30-6-B4(a) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies which provides that every out-of-state shipper permittee shall, annually on or before the sixth day of January, file with the department, on forms prescribed by the department, a complete schedule, with each page of such schedule numbered in numerical order, duly verified by the permittee and attested by the backer, if an individual, or if the backer is a corporation, by an officer of such corporation, of all alcoholic liquors offered for sale in Connecticut, which shall contain with respect to each item: (1) The type of beverage and brand name; (2) the size of the container; (3) the age or per cent and type of neutral spirits; (4) the proof; (5) the number of bottles per case; (6) the bottle and case price.

AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

Between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023, you shipped and sold the following products – namely, Gasolina (on five separate occasions), Sangriia (on eight separate occasions), Tu Madras (on two separate occasions), Rum Punch Gasolina (on two separate occasions), Gasolina Toronja (on two separate occasions), and Rita Margarita (on three separate occasions) – without registering those brands with the Department. Additionally, you failed to post the bottle, can and case price for those brands during this period of time. Finally, you failed to file your annual form with the Department which contained all of the alcoholic liquors you were offering for sale in 2023.

Incident 5. January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024

Charge 13. Registration of brands (8 counts). From January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024 you violated Sec. 30-63(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes which provides that no holder of any manufacturer, wholesaler or out-of-state shipper's permit shall ship, transport or deliver within this state, or sell or offer for sale, any alcoholic liquors, except for beer manufactured by a permittee in this state and sold for consumption only on the permittee's premises, unless the name of the brand, trade name or other distinctive characteristic by which such alcoholic liquors are bought and sold, the name and address of the manufacturer thereof and the name and address of each wholesaler permittee who is authorized by the manufacturer or his authorized representative to sell such alcoholic liquors are registered with the Department of Consumer Protection and until such brand, trade name or other distinctive characteristic has been approved by the department. Such registration shall be valid for a period of three years.

Charge 14. Posting and Notice of Prices. From January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024 you violated Sec. 30-63(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes which provides that for alcoholic liquor other than beer, each manufacturer, wholesaler and out-of-state shipper permittee shall post with the department, on a monthly basis, the bottle, can and case price of any brand of goods offered for sale in Connecticut, which price when so posted shall be the controlling price for such manufacturer, wholesaler or out-of-state permittee for the month following such posting.

Charge 15. Out of State Shipper Prices to be Filed. From January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024 you violated Sec. 30-6-B4(a) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies which provides that every out-of-state shipper permittee shall, annually on or before the sixth day of January, file with the department, on forms prescribed by the department, a complete schedule, with each page of such schedule numbered in numerical order, duly verified by the permittee and attested by the backer, if an individual, or if the backer is a corporation, by an officer of such corporation, of all alcoholic liquors offered for sale in Connecticut, which shall contain with respect to each item: (1) The type of beverage and brand name; (2) the size of the container; (3) the age or per cent and type of neutral spirits; (4) the proof; (5) the number of bottles per case; (6) the bottle and case price.

AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

Between January 1, 2024, and June 30, 2024, you shipped and sold the following products – namely, Gasolina (on two occasions), Sangriia (on four separate occasions), Gasolina Toronja (on one occasion), and Rita Margarita (on one occasion) – without registering those brands with the Department. Additionally, you failed to post the bottle, can and case price for those brands during this period of time. Finally, you failed to file your annual form with the Department which contained all of the alcoholic liquors you were offering for sale in 2024.

Charge 16. Labels, Brand Registration (91 Counts). From October 25, 2020 through June 30, 2024 you violated Sec. 30-6-A35(a) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies which provides that no alcoholic beverage shall be imported into the state or manufactured and sold within the state or included in any price list required to be filed with the department until the label of such brand has received the approval of the department.

AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

From October 25, 2020 through June 30, 2024, you imported Gasolina brands into the State of Connecticut and sold them on ninety-one separate occasions without receiving the required approval by the department.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO APPEAR WHEN YOUR HEARING IS CALLED BY THE COMMISSION. FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THE DESIGNATED TIME MAY RESULT IN A DEFAULT. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW CAUSE, IF THERE BE ANY, WHY YOUR LIQUOR PERMIT SHOULD NOT BE REVOKED OR SUSPENDED OR ANY OTHER AUTHORIZED PENALTY IMPOSED ON YOU.

This matter is being set down for a formal hearing following a compliance meeting held on October 29, 2024, by decision by the full Commission.

If you have any questions, please contact Anna C. Martinez of the Department of Consumer Protection's Legal Division by email <u>Anna.Martinez@ct.gov</u>

Dated this^{12th} day of June 2025.

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