



Press Release

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TTB SETTLES TRADE PRACTICE INVESTIGATIONS

Washington, D.C. – The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) announced the acceptance of Offers-in-Compromise (OIC) from 10 wholesaler/importers in the Chicago, IL. market area for violations of the Federal Alcohol Administration Act.

In FY-08, the Trade Investigation Division of TTB completed a three year investigation of alleged trade practice violations in the Chicago market area. The government alleged that the 10 wholesaler/importers violated the conditions of their basic permits by furnishing or giving money or other things of value to a retailer, Skyline Marketing, Inc. and/or Sam’s Wine & Spirits, Inc., and/or paying or crediting the retailer for advertising and/or preferred shelf space. Offers-in-Compromise totaling \$803,000 were accepted by TTB to settle the alleged violations.

PERMITTEE

OFFER-IN-COMPROMISE

Wirtz Corporation dba Judge & Dolph, Ltd	\$130,000
Vin Divino, Ltd.	\$30,000
Johnson Brothers Liquor Company of Illinois	\$40,000
Wein-Bauer Distributing, Inc.	\$3,000
Glazer’s Distributors of Illinois, Inc.	\$225,000
Shaw-Ross International Importers	\$10,000
Southern Wine & Spirits of Illinois, Inc.	\$225,000
Distinctive Wine & Spirits, LLC	\$110,000
Stoller Wholesale Wine & Spirits, Inc.	\$18,000
Fine Vines, LLC	\$12,000

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