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Dr. Siddika Mithani

President, Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)

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Dear Ms. Mithani:

As I have previously advised you, I am legal counsel to Palestine Just Trade Incorporated (PJT), the exclusive agent in Ontario for Taybeh Brewing Company (Taybeh).

I write further to my August 18 letter to you and to Jennifer Bell of the LCBO, and to the responding letter of August 27 of Julie Lane, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of the LCBO.

As you know, Ms. Lane has advised us that the reason for the hold on Taybeh wines and beers is that the LCBO is waiting for direction from the CFIA as to whether those products can be sold as currently labelled. Ms. Lane has also advised us that the LCBO requested that guidance from the CFIA on April 15, 2019 – over four months ago.

In the interim, we have ascertained that dozens of wines labelled as “Product of Israel” which appear to have been produced in either the Israeli-occupied Syrian Golan Heights or Israeli-occupied Palestinian territory continue to be offered for sale in Ontario and/or other provinces, notwithstanding the Federal Court’s recent ruling that “Product of Israel” labels on wines produced in Israel’s West Bank settlements are “false, misleading and deceptive.”

Attached hereto is a chart identifying those falsely labelled wines. That chart is not necessarily exhaustive – our research is ongoing and, in the weeks ahead, we might well identify other such wines being offered for sale in Canada.

Also, enclosed herewith please find a certificate from the Palestinian Authority, along with a translation, confirming that Al Taybeh Company for Manufacturing Beer and General Trade is based in the West Bank city of Ramallah, which is under the control of the Palestinian Authority. We can assure you that the Taybeh products that have been placed on hold have not been produced in any Israeli settlement.

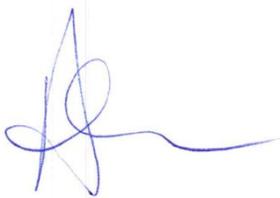
Accordingly, we are at a loss to understand how the CFIA can continue to allow the sale of wines from territory occupied by Israel to be sold in Canada with false "Product of Israel" labels even as the LCBO prevents the sale in Canada of Taybeh products which are accurately labelled and which do not come from any Israeli settlements.

In our view, the manner in which the CFIA and LCBO are dealing with accurately labelled Taybeh products and falsely labelled products from Israeli settlements in occupied territory is plainly discriminatory.

If necessary, we will institute legal proceedings to protect our client's rights, but we are hopeful that litigation can be avoided and that the CFIA will immediately confirm to the LCBO that the Taybeh products can be sold in Canada as currently labelled.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'A' followed by a long horizontal flourish.

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