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IMPORTER REACHES SETTLEMENT WITH TTB

Washington, D.C. – The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) announced the acceptance of a \$59,000 offer-in compromise to settle alleged violations of the Federal Alcohol Administration Act (FAA) and the Internal Revenue Code by the Lebanese Arak Corporation, located in Glendale, California.

Lebanese Arak, a duly qualified importer of malt beverages, wine, and distilled spirits, is alleged to have imported and removed distilled spirits from Customs custody without valid certificates of label approval, failed to have paid the proper Federal excise tax on imported distilled spirits, and altered documents with intent to defraud.

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