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CONSOLIDATED RECTIFYING REACHES SETTLEMENT OVER VIOLATIONS

Washington, D.C. – The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) announced its acceptance of a \$40,000 Offer-in Compromise submitted by Consolidated Rectifying Inc. of Chicago, Illinois, to resolve alleged violations of the Federal Alcohol Administration Act and the Internal Revenue Code. The Offer-in-Compromise stemmed from Consolidated's alleged removal and sale or distribution of distilled spirits that were labeled as "tequila" when the spirits did not meet the standard of identity for tequila.

Consolidated has taken steps to ensure that future removals will comply with the standards of identity as defined in the regulations.

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