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Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
Boston, Massachusetts 02114

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DECISION

HILLTOP FARMS INC.
201 PULASKI BLVD.
BELLINGHAM, MA 02019
LICENSE#: 008600027
VIOLATION DATE: 05/18/2016
HEARING DATE: 11/08/2016

Hilltop Farms Inc. (the "Licensee") holds an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 15. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (the "Commission") held a hearing on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, regarding an alleged violation of 204 CMR 2.05 (2) – Permitting an illegality on the licensed premises, to wit: M.G.L. c. 138, §34 – Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age. Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Licensee stipulated to the violation alleged in Investigator Keefe's Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

1. Investigator Keefe's Compliance Check Field Report dated May 18, 2016;
2. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts.

There is one (1) audio recording of this hearing.

The Commission took Administrative Notice of the Licensee's record.

FACTS

1. On Wednesday, May 18, 2016, at approximately 7:23 p.m., Investigators Di Cicco and Keefe investigated the business operation of Hilltop Farms Inc.
2. An underage operative, working with Investigators, purchased from the Licensee an alcoholic beverage, a 25 oz. can of Natty Daddy beer for one dollars and twenty-five cents (\$1.25). The underage operative was not asked for identification.

CONCLUSION

Based on the evidence the Commission finds the Licensee violated 204 CMR 2.05 (2) - Permitting an illegality on the licensed premises, to wit: M.G.L. c. 138, §34 – Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age. As the Licensee has been in business for more than 10 years with no prior violation, the Commission issues a **WARNING**

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

Kathleen McNally, Commissioner



I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I have reviewed the hearing record and concur with the above decision.

Elizabeth A. Lashway, Commissioner



Dated: November 9, 2016

You have the right to appeal this decision to the Superior Courts under the provisions of Chapter 30A of the Massachusetts General Laws within thirty (30) days of receipt of this decision.

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