

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 95 Fourth Street, Suite 3 Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150-2358

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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

May 2, 2025

SEASIDE GLOUCESTER LIQUORS, INC. D/B/A CAPE ANN LIQUORS 711 GLOUCESTER CROSSING ROAD GLOUCESTER, MA 01930 LICENSE NO.: 90174-PK-0450 VIOLATION DATE: 7/11/2024

HEARD: 10/15/2024

After a hearing on October 15, 2024, the Commission finds Seaside Gloucester Liquors, Inc. d/b/a Cape Ann Liquors violated M.G.L. Ch.138 § 18 – Acting as a § 18 wholesale licensee without being properly licensed.

The Commission SUSPENDS the license for a period of five (5) days of which two (2) days will be served and three (3) days will be held in abeyance for a period of two (2) years provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission Regulations occur.

The suspension shall commence on Monday, June 16, 2025, and terminate on Tuesday, June 17, 2025. The license will be delivered to the Local Licensing Board or its designee on Monday June 16, 2025. It will be returned to the licensee on June 18, 2025.

You are advised that pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c.138 § 23, you may petition the Commission to accept an offer in compromise in lieu of suspension within twenty (20) calendar days following such notice of such suspension. If accepted, you may pay a fine using the enclosed form which must be signed by the Licensee and a Massachusetts Licensed Accountant.

You are advised that you have the right to appeal this decision under M.G.L. c. 30A to Superior Court within thirty (30) days upon receipt of this notice.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

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DECISION

SEASIDE GLOUCESTER LIQUORS, INC. D/B/A CAPE ANN LIQUORS 711 GLOUCESTER CROSSING ROAD GLOUCESTER, MA 01930

LICENSE NO.: 90174-PK-0450 VIOLATION DATE: 7/11/2024

HEARD: 10/15/2024

Seaside Gloucester Liquors, Inc. d/b/a Cape Ann Liquors ("Licensee") holds an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 15. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission ("ABCC" or "Commission") held a remote hearing via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, regarding an alleged violation of M.G.L. Ch.138 § 18 – Acting as a § 18 wholesale licensee without being properly licensed. Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Licensee stipulated to the facts alleged in Investigator Smiddy's Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

- 1. Investigative Report of S. Smiddy;
- 2. ABCC Licensing Authority Certification;
- 3. MS Walker Invoice, 7/3/2024;
- 4. Photographs of Alcoholic Beverages;
- 5. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On Wednesday, July 10, 2024, Investigators Kujawski, McDonough, Teehan, and Smiddy ("Investigators") conducted inspections in the town of Orange, Massachusetts.
- 2. Orange Market, Inc. d/b/a Orange General Store ("Licensee" or "Orange General Store") holds a M.G.L. c. 138 § 15 retail package store license exercised at 217 East Main Street, Orange, Massachusetts. Bhavikaben Patel is President, Treasurer, Secretary, Director and 51% shareholder and Hansaben Patel is Director and 49% shareholder. Jignesh Patel is the manager of record.
- 3. At approximately 12:35 p.m., Investigators entered the licensed premises and advised the clerk on duty that they would be conducting an inspection. Investigators entered the storage

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room where they observed four (4) cases of Casamigos Tequila Blanco each of which had its shipping label partially removed.

- 4. Investigators asked the clerk to provide proof of purchase for the four (4) cases of Casamigos Tequila Blanco. The clerk was unable to provide an invoice.
- 5. Investigators observed one case with an invoice number from MS Walker, Inc., a licensed wholesaler. MS Walker confirmed the alcoholic beverages associated with the invoice number were delivered to Cape Ann Liquors in Gloucester, Massachusetts.
- 6. Seaside Gloucester Liquors, Inc. d/b/a Cape Ann Liquors ("Cape Ann Liquors") holds a M.G.L. c. 138 § 15 retail package store license exercised at 711 Gloucester Crossing Road, Gloucester, Massachusetts. Vinay Patel is President, Treasurer, and Secretary; Jignesh Patel is Director and 50% shareholder; and Rameshchandra Patel is Director and 50% shareholder.
- 7. On Thursday, July 11, 2024, Investigators Quinn, Teehan, and Smiddy ("Investigators") conducted an inspection of Cape Ann Liquors.
- 8. At approximately 12:30 p.m., Investigators entered Cape Ann Liquors and informed the clerk on duty that Investigators found alcoholic beverages from Cape Ann Liquors in the Orange General Store. The clerk provided Investigators with invoices, including MS Walker Invoice no. 232003 for Casamigos Tequila Blanco.
- 9. Investigators informed the clerk at the Orange General Store and the clerk at Cape Ann Liquors of the Commission's 2017 Consolidated Buying Advisory.
- 10. Investigators informed both clerks of the violations and that a report would be submitted to the Chief Investigator for further action.
- 11. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 15.

CONCLUSION

Based on the evidence, the Commission finds the Licensee violated M.G.L. Ch.138 § 18 – Acting as a § 18 wholesale licensee without being properly licensed. Therefore, the Commission suspends the license for a period of five (5) days of which two (2) days will be served and three (3) days will be held in abeyance for a period of two (2) years provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission Regulations occur.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

Deborah A. Baglio, Commissioner	Debouse a Baglio	
Crystal Matthews, Commissioner	Cycl Matter	

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I have reviewed the hearing record.

Jean M. Lorizio, Chairman

Dated: May 2, 2025

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