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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING

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IN THE MATTER OF A PETITION FOR AN : ADMINISTRATIVE INJUNCTION :

INVOLVING

ADMINISTRATIVE INJUNCTION

EL REY MEXICAN PRODUCTS, INC., : LS0410139UNL

ERNESTO VILLARREAL, AND M. OLIVIA : VILLARREAL, :

RESPONDENTS :

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The parties of this action for the purposes of Section 227.53, Wis. Stats, are:

El Rey Mexican Products, Inc. Ernesto Villarreal

1023 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street 1403 West Larchmont Drive

Milwaukee, WI 53204 Waukesha, WI 53186

M. Olivia Villarreal Department of Regulation and Licensing

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The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this mat subject to the approval of the Secretary. The Secretary has reviewed the Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Secretary adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

# FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent El Rey Mexican Products, Inc. is a Wisconsin corporation having its principal office at 1023 So 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Among other business activities, the corporation owns and operates Mercado El Rey, 1 South Cesar E. Chavez Drive, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a business regularly engaged in the retail sale of groceries, sundries associated products.
- 2. Respondents Ernesto Villarreal and M. Olivia Villarreal are husband and wife, and are officers and directors Respondent El Rey Mexican Products, Inc.
- 3. The named Respondents are wholly responsible for all the policies and operations of Mercado El Rey, includ decisions on what products to carry for sale to the public
- 4. During a period extending from at least May 19, 2002 until at least September 18, 2002, Respondents offered sale and delivery to the public at Mercado El Rey certain prescription drugs including but not limited to: amoxicillin, ampicil tessalon benzonatate, and synalar.
- 5. During a period extending from at least May 19, 2002 until at least September 18, 2002, Respondents through employees, agents, business entities and/or contractors did in fact sell such prescription drugs to the general public at a profit without validly issued prescriptions.
  - 6. Respondents lacked knowledge regarding the physical effects of the medications, adverse or otherwise.
- 7. Amoxicillin, ampicillin, tessalon benzonatate and synalar are "drugs" within the meaning of section 450.01(10), V Stats., and are "prescription drugs" within the meaning of section 450.01(2), Wis. Stats.

8. At no time has any respondent been licensed by the Pharmacy Examining Board as a pharmacist, a pharmacist distributor, or a manufacturer under Chapter 450, Wis. Stats., nor has any employee of any respondent been licensed ε pharmacist or other health care practitioner licensed to prescribe or dispense prescription drugs.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 9. The sale and delivery of a prescription drug to an individual is "dispensing" within the meaning of sect 450.01(7), Wis. Stats. Dispensing of a prescription drug may only be performed by a pharmacist or person licensed to prescription drugs, and if performed by a pharmacist, such dispensing must occur in a licensed pharmacy. Section 450.11, Wis. Stats.
- The conduct of respondents set forth in paragraph 5 constitutes dispensing a prescription drug without a required credential in violation of section 440.21, Wis. Stats.
- 11. The department has authority to issue this Administrative Injunction as a special order under section 440.21, V Stats., and ch. RL 3, Wis. Adm. Code.

## **ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED, that the attached stipulation is accepted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that El Rey Mexican Products, Inc., Ernesto Villarreal and M. Olivia Villarreal are enjoined a prohibited from the sale, dispensing, or delivery of any prescription drug, personally or through employees, agents, busing entities, and contractors, and from doing any act which may constitute the practice of pharmacy, or which is permitted to conducted only in a licensed pharmacy, unless and until properly credentialed to do so. Violation of this special order may result a forfeiture of up to \$10,000 for each day of violation (section 440.21(4)(a), Wis. Stats.).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that respondents shall forfeit One Thousand dollars (\$1000.00), to be paid to the Departm within 60 days of the signing of this Order, for violating the sections of Chapter 440 and 450 of the Wisconsin Statutes as set for above.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the respondents shall pay COSTS in the amount of One Thousand, Two Hundred and F dollars (\$1,250.00) within 60 days of the signing of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the respondents shall be jointly and severely liable and responsible for payment of the abo described forfeiture and costs.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that if the secretary determines that there is probable cause to believe that respondent has viola any terms of this final decision and order, the secretary may order that the violations covered by this decision and order referred to any appropriate prosecutorial unit for review for possible criminal charges, such units including but not limited to Milwaukee County District Attorney's office and the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

Issued at Madison, Wisconsin this 13th day of October, 2004.

Sandra Rowe, Deputy Secretary
Department of Regulation and Licensing