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Re: American Origin Company, Inc. - Case No. DCC24-0002631-INV  
Default Decision and Order

Dear Mr. Amin:

Pursuant to the Department of Cannabis Control's authority under Government Code section 11520, the Department finds Respondent American Origin Company, Inc. in default and therefore will proceed as described in the attached Default Decision and Order.

Be advised that Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), provides that Respondent may serve a written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated upon stating the ground relied on within seven (7) days after service of the Decision. Respondent may address any written motion to the Department via email at [DCCDecisions@cannabis.ca.gov](mailto:DCCDecisions@cannabis.ca.gov), or by post or courier to:

Department of Cannabis Control  
Office of the General Counsel  
2920 Kilgore Road  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The Department in its discretion may vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.

Barring such a timely motion, the attached Default Decision and Order involving American Origin Company, Inc. will become effective on June 26, 2026.

Sincerely,

Douglas Smurr  
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosure

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**BEFORE THE  
DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the First Amended Accusation  
Against:

**AMERICAN ORIGIN COMPANY, INC.;**  
**SONNY AMIN, DRP/OWNER**  
**1320 9th Street**  
**Berkeley, California 94710**

**Cannabis Distributor License**  
**No. C11-0001775-LIC**

Respondent.

Case No. DCC24-0002631-INV

OAH No. 2025110122

**DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER**

[Gov. Code, §11520]

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. On or about June 10, 2025, Complainant Evelyn Schaeffer, in her official capacity as the Deputy Director of the Compliance Division of the Department of Cannabis Control, filed Accusation No. DCC24-0002631-INV against American Origin Company, Inc. (Respondent) with Sonny Amin as Designated Responsible Party and Owner (DRP/Owner) before the Department of Cannabis Control. (Accusation is attached as Exhibit A.)

2. On or about March 13, 2026, Complainant Evelyn Schaeffer, in her official capacity as the Deputy Director of the Compliance Division of the Department of Cannabis Control, filed its First Amended Accusation No. DCC24-0002631-INV against American Origin Company, Inc. (Respondent) with Sonny Amin as Designated Responsible Party and Owner (DRP/Owner Amin) before the Department of Cannabis Control. (First Amended Accusation is attached as Exhibit B.)

1           3.     On or about December 23, 2022, the Department of Cannabis Control (Department)  
2 issued Cannabis Distributor License No. C11-0001775-LIC to Respondent. The Cannabis  
3 Distributor License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in  
4 Accusation No. DCC24-0002631-INV and will expire on December 23, 2026, unless renewed.  
5 Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 26031, subdivision (d), the expiration in  
6 licensure does not deprive the Department of its authority to institute or continue this disciplinary  
7 proceeding.

8           4.     On or about June 16, 2025, Respondent was served with Accusation No.  
9 DCC24-0002631-INV.

10          5.     On or about July 9, 2025, Respondent signed and returned a Notice of Defense,  
11 requesting a formal hearing in the matter of Accusation No. DCC24-0002631-INV.

12          6.     On November 21, 2025, a Notice of Hearing was served by certified and first-class  
13 mail at Respondent's address with the California Secretary of State which was and is: 6283 Kelez  
14 Ct. San Jose, California 95120. The Notice of Hearing informed Respondent that an  
15 administrative hearing in this matter was scheduled for May 13-14, 2026.

16          7.     On or about March 16, 2026, Respondent was served with First Amended Accusation  
17 No. DCC24-0002631-INV, which was deemed controverted by Respondent's previous request  
18 for a formal hearing.

19          8.     Service of the Accusation and First Amended Accusation was effective as a matter of  
20 law under the provisions of Government Code section 11505(c) and/or Business and Professions  
21 Code section 124.

22          9.     On May 13, 2026, the matter was called for hearing at the date, time, and location set  
23 forth in the Notice of Hearing. The assigned Administrative Law Judge found that the service of  
24 the Notice of Hearing on Respondent was proper. There was no appearance by or on behalf of  
25 Respondent. A default was declared and on motion of counsel for Complainant, the matter was  
26 remanded to the Department under Government Code section 11520.

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1 10. Government Code section 11506(c) states, in pertinent part:

2 (c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent  
3 files a notice of defense . . . and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all  
4 parts of the accusation . . . not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense  
5 . . . shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its  
6 discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing.

7 11. California Government Code section 11520(a) states, in pertinent part:

8 (a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense . . . or to appear at  
9 the hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express  
10 admissions or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without  
11 any notice to respondent . . . .

12 12. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Department finds  
13 Respondent is in default. The Department will take action without further hearing and, based on  
14 the relevant evidence contained in the Default Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet in this  
15 matter, finds that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. DCC24-0002631-INV, are  
16 separately and severally, found to be true and correct by clear and convincing evidence.

17 13. The Department finds that the actual costs for Investigation and Enforcement are  
18 \$19,819.26 as of May 19, 2026.

19 **DETERMINATION OF ISSUES**

20 14. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent American Origin Company, Inc.  
21 has subjected its Cannabis Distributor License No. C11-0001775-LIC to discipline.

22 15. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.

23 16. The Department of Cannabis Control is authorized to revoke Respondent's Cannabis  
24 Distributor License based upon the following violations alleged in the First Amended Accusation  
25 which are supported by the evidence contained in the Default Decision Investigatory Evidence  
26 Packet in this case:

27 a. Violation of Business and Professions Code sections 26030, subdivisions (a) and (c),  
28 and 26160, subdivision (e), and Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, sections  
15000.3, subdivision (d), and 17800, subdivisions (a) and (b); [Failure to comply with  
the Department's request for inspection of its licensed premises.]

- 1 b. Violation of Business and Professions Code section 26030, subdivisions (a) and (c), and  
2 Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 15047.2 and 15049.2; [Failure to  
3 accurately and properly comply with CCTT requirements and record all commercial  
4 cannabis activity in the CCTT system while transferring cannabis and cannabis products  
5 on and/or off of the licensed premises.]
- 6 c. Violation of Business and Professions Code section 26030, subdivisions (a) and (c), and  
7 Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15051, subdivisions (a)(1) and  
8 (b); [Failure to review the information recorded in the CCTT system at least once every  
9 30 calendar days, including the reconciliation of on-hand inventory of cannabis with the  
10 CCTT records, and conducting an audit and notifying the Department in writing if a  
11 significant discrepancy is found.]
- 12 d. Violation of Business and Professions Code section 26030, subdivisions (a) and (c), and  
13 26160, and Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15023, subdivisions  
14 (e) and (h); [Failure to update the Department of any changes in its licensed premises.]
- 15 e. Violation of Business and Professions Code section 26030, subdivisions (a) and (c), and  
16 Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15047.2, subdivision (d);  
17 [Intentional misrepresentation or falsification of commercial cannabis activity in a  
18 CCTT account.]
- 19 f. Violation of Business and Professions Code section 26030, subdivisions (a) and (c), and  
20 Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 15000.1 subdivision (c), and  
21 15000.7, subdivision (a); [Conducting commercial cannabis activities beyond the  
22 premises licensed for the activity and failure to store all cannabis and cannabis products  
23 solely within the licensed premises;]
- 24 g. Violation of Business and Professions Code sections 26039.3, subdivision (a), and  
25 26039.6, (a)(3) and (d); [Receipt, distribution, delivery, or proffer of adulterated  
26 cannabis or cannabis products.]

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**ORDER**

IT IS SO ORDERED that Cannabis Distributor License No. C11-0001775-LIC, issued to Respondent American Origin Company, Inc. with Sonny Amin, DRP/Owner, is revoked.

Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.

This Decision shall become effective on June 26, 2026.

IT IS SO ORDERED, May 27, 2026.



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Douglas Smurr  
Assistant General Counsel  
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL

DOJ Matter ID:SA2025800437

Attachments:  
Exhibit A: Accusation  
Exhibit B: First Amended Accusation

# Exhibit A

Accusation No. DCC24-0002631-INV

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10 **BEFORE THE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL**  
**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. DCC24-0002631-INV
12 <b>AMERICAN ORIGIN COMPANY, INC.;</b>	OAH No.
13 <b>SONNY AMIN, OWNER</b>	<b>ACCUSATION</b>
14 <b>1320 9th Street</b>	
15 <b>Berkeley, CA 94710</b>	
16 <b>Cannabis - Distributor License</b>	
17 <b>No. C11-0001775-LIC</b>	
18 Respondent.	

19 **PARTIES**

20 1. Evelyn Schaeffer (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity  
21 as the Deputy Director of the Compliance Division of the Department of Cannabis Control  
22 (Department).

23 2. On or about December 23, 2022, the Department issued Cannabis - Distributor  
24 License Number C11-0001775-LIC to American Origin Company, Inc. (Respondent) with Sonny  
25 Amin as Owner (Owner Amin). The Cannabis - Distributor License was in full force and effect  
26 at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on December 23, 2025, unless  
27 renewed.  
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**JURISDICTION**

2. This Accusation is brought before the Director (Director) for the Department, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.

3. Section 26010 of the Code states:

There is in the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency, the Department of Cannabis Control under the supervision and control of a director. The director shall administer and enforce the provisions of this division related to the department.

4. Section 26010.5, subdivision (d), of the Code states:

The department has the power, duty, purpose, responsibility, and jurisdiction to regulate commercial cannabis activity as provided in this division....

5. Section 26011.5 of the Code states:

The protection of the public shall be the highest priority for all licensing authorities in exercising licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions under this division. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

6. Section 26012, subdivision (a), of the Code states:

It being a matter of statewide concern, except as otherwise authorized in this division, the department shall have the sole authority to create, issue, deny, renew, discipline, condition, suspend, or revoke licenses for commercial cannabis activity....

7. Section 26013, subdivision (a), of the Code states:

The department shall make and prescribe reasonable rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement, administer, and enforce its duties under this division in accordance with Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code....

8. Section 26015, subdivision (a), of the Code states:

(a) The department may make or cause to be made such investigation as it deems necessary to carry out its duties under this division.

9. Section 26031 of the Code states, in part:

(a) The department may suspend, revoke, place on probation with terms and conditions, or otherwise discipline licenses issued by the department and fine a licensee, after proper notice and hearing to the licensee, except as provided in Section

1 26031.01, if the licensee is found to have committed any of the acts or omissions  
2 constituting grounds for disciplinary action. The disciplinary proceedings under this  
3 chapter shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing with Section  
4 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, and the director  
5 shall have all the powers granted therein.

6 ...

7 (c) The department may take disciplinary action against a licensee for any  
8 violation of this division when the violation was committed by the licensee's officers,  
9 directors, owners, agents, or employees while acting on behalf of the licensee or  
10 engaged in commercial cannabis activity....

11 10. Section 26034 of the Code states:

12 All accusations against licensees shall be filed by the department within five  
13 years after the performance of the act or omission alleged as the ground for  
14 disciplinary action; provided, however, that the foregoing provision shall not  
15 constitute a defense to an accusation alleging fraud or misrepresentation as a ground  
16 for disciplinary action. The cause for disciplinary action in that case shall not be  
17 deemed to have accrued until discovery, by the department, of the facts constituting  
18 the fraud or misrepresentation, and, in that case, the accusation shall be filed within  
19 five years after that discovery.

### 20 STATUTORY PROVISIONS

21 11. Section 26030 of the Code states:

22 Grounds for disciplinary action include, but are not limited to, all of the  
23 following:

24 (a) Failure to comply with the provisions of this division or any rule or  
25 regulation adopted pursuant to this division.

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27 (c) Any other grounds contained in regulations adopted by a licensing authority  
28 pursuant to this division....

12. Section 26160 of the Code states:

Commercial cannabis activity; duty to maintain records; inspection; violation;  
penalty.

(a) A licensee shall keep accurate records of commercial cannabis activity.

(b) All records related to commercial cannabis activity as defined by  
the department shall be maintained for a minimum of seven years.

(c) The department may examine the records of a licensee and inspect the  
premises of a licensee as the department, or a state or local agency, deems necessary

1 to perform its duties under this division. All inspections and examinations of records  
2 shall be conducted during standard business hours of the licensed facility or at any  
other reasonable time. Licensees shall provide and deliver records to  
the department upon request.

3 (d) Licensees shall keep records identified by the department on the premises of  
4 the location licensed. The department may make any examination of the records of  
any licensee. Licensees shall also provide and deliver copies of documents to  
5 the department upon request.

6 (e) A licensee, or its agent or employee, that refuses, impedes, obstructs, or  
interferes with an inspection of the premises or records of the licensee pursuant to this  
7 section, has engaged in a violation of this division.

8 (f) If a licensee, or an agent or employee of a licensee, fails to maintain or  
9 provide the records required pursuant to this section, the licensee shall be subject to a  
citation and fine of up to thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) per individual violation.

### 10 **REGULATORY PROVISIONS**

11 13. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15000.3 states:

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13 (d) Licensees shall ensure that the Department has immediate access to their licensed  
14 premises. If the Department is denied access to a licensee's premises for any reason, the  
licensee shall be held responsible and subject to discipline. If the Department is denied  
15 access to one licensee's premises because of another licensee's refusal to grant access when  
the only access to one licensed premises is through another licensed premises, all licensees  
16 shall be held responsible and subject to discipline.

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18 14. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15023 states:

19 Business modifications shall be made in accordance with the following:

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21 (e) When any of the following changes occur, the licensee shall notify the  
22 Department within 14 calendar days of the change:

23 (1) Any change to contact information from the information provided to the  
Department in the original application.

24 ...

25 (h) Except as permitted under Business and Professions Code section 26050.2 (h),  
26 licensees may not be transferred from one premises to another. Licensees shall not operate  
out of a new premises until they have been issued a new license.

27 (i) For any business modification or notification under this section, licensees shall use  
28 and submit to the Department the Licensee Notification and Request Form, Notifications  
and Requests to Modify a License, DCC-LIC-027 (Amended 2/22), which is incorporated

1 herein by reference, unless the change relates to contact information and can be made  
2 through the Department's online system....

3 15. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15047.2 states:

4 (a) A licensee shall create and maintain an account within the track and trace system  
5 prior to engaging in any commercial cannabis activity.

6 (b) All commercial cannabis activity shall be accurately recorded in the track and  
7 trace system.

8 (c) A licensee is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of all data and  
9 information entered into the track and trace system. The licensee is responsible for all  
10 actions taken by the designated account manager or other account users while performing  
11 track and trace activities.

12 (d) A person shall not intentionally misrepresent or falsify information entered into  
13 the track and trace system.

14 17. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15049.2 states:

15 (a) A licensee shall prepare a shipping manifest through the track and trace system  
16 prior to transferring cannabis and cannabis products off of a licensed premises. The  
17 following information shall be recorded on the shipping manifest by the licensee initiating  
18 the transfer:

19 (1) The name, license number, and premises address of the originating licensee;

20 (2) The name and license number of the distributor transporting the cannabis and  
21 cannabis products;

22 (3) The name, license number, and premises address of the licensee receiving the  
23 cannabis or cannabis products into inventory of storage;

24 (4) The UID numbers for all items being transferred;

25 (5) The item name, item category and weight or count of cannabis or cannabis  
26 products associated with each package tag;

27 (6) The estimated date and time of departure from the licensed premises;

28 (7) The estimated date and time of arrival at each licensed premises; and

(8) The driver's license number of the personnel transporting the cannabis and  
cannabis products, and the make, model, and license plate number of the vehicle used for  
transport.

(b) The distributor who transports the cannabis or cannabis product shall record the  
following additional information of the shipping manifest:

(1) The actual date and time of departure from the licensed premises; and

(2) The actual date and time of arrival at each licensed premises.

(c) Upon pick-up or receipt of cannabis and cannabis products for transport, storage,

1 or inventory, a licensee shall ensure that the cannabis or cannabis products received are as  
2 described in the shipping manifest. The licensee shall record acceptance or receipt, and  
3 acknowledgment of the cannabis or cannabis products in the track and trace system.

4 (d) If there are any discrepancies between type or quantity of cannabis or cannabis  
5 products specified in the shipping manifest and the type or quantity received by the  
6 licensee, the licensee shall reject the shipment.

7 18. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15051 states:

8 (a) The license shall review the information recorded in the track and trace system at  
9 least once every 30 calendar days to ensure its accuracy, including, at a minimum:

10 (1) Reconciling on-hand inventory of cannabis and cannabis product with the  
11 records in the track and trace system;

12 (2) Reviewing the licensee's authorized users and removing any users who are no  
13 longer authorized to enter information into the track and trace system.

14 (b) If a licensee finds a discrepancy between the on-hand inventory and the track and  
15 trace system, the licensee shall conduct an audit and notify the Department in writing if  
16 the discrepancy is significant as defined in section 15034.

17 19. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 17800 states:

18 (a) The Department and its authorized representatives, for purposes of inspection,  
19 investigation, review, or audit, shall have full and immediate access to:

20 (1) Enter any premises licensed by the Department.

21 (2) Inspect and test any vehicle or equipment possessed by, in control of, or used by  
22 a licensee or their agents and employees for the purpose of conducting commercial  
23 cannabis activity.

24 (3) Test any cannabis goods or cannabis-related materials or products possessed by,  
25 in control of, or used by a licensee or their agents and employees for the purpose of  
26 conducting commercial cannabis activity.

27 (4) Copy any materials, books, or records of any licensee or their agents and  
28 employees.

(b) Failure to cooperate with and participate in any Department investigation  
pending against the licensee may result in a licensing violation subject to discipline. This  
subsection shall not be construed to deprive a licensee of any privilege guaranteed by the  
Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, or any other constitutional or  
statutory privileges. This subsection shall not be construed to require a licensee to  
cooperate with a request that would require the licensee to waive any constitutional or  
statutory privilege or to comply with a request for information or other matters within an  
unreasonable period of time in light of the time constraints of the licensee's business. Any  
constitutional or statutory privilege exercised by the licensee shall not be used against the  
licensee in a regulatory or disciplinary proceeding against the licensee.

1 (c) Prior notice of an inspection, investigation, review, or audit is not required.

2 (d) Any inspection, investigation, review, or audit of a licensed premises shall be  
3 conducted anytime the licensee is exercising privileges under the license, or as otherwise  
4 agreed to by the Department and the licensee or its agents, employees, or representatives.

5 (e) If the licensed premises is not accessible because access is only available by going  
6 through another licensed premises and the licensee occupying the other licensed premises  
7 denies the Department access, the licensees shall both be held responsible and subject to  
8 discipline.

### 9 COST RECOVERY

10 20. Section 26031.1 of the Code states that:

11 (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, in an order issued in resolution of a  
12 disciplinary proceeding before the department, the administrative law judge, upon  
13 request, may direct a licensee found to have committed a violation to pay a sum not to  
14 exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

15 (b) A certified copy of the actual costs, or a good faith estimate of costs where  
16 actual costs are not available, signed by the department or its designated  
17 representative shall be prima facie evidence of reasonable costs of investigation and  
18 prosecution of the case. The costs shall include the amount of investigative and  
19 enforcement costs up to the date of the hearing, including, but not limited to, charges  
20 imposed by the Attorney General.

21 (c) The administrative law judge shall make a proposed finding of the amount  
22 of reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution of the case when requested  
23 pursuant to subdivision (a). The finding of the administrative law judge with regard to  
24 costs shall not be reviewable by the department to increase the cost award. The  
25 department may reduce or eliminate the cost award, or remand to the administrative  
26 law judge if the proposed decision fails to make a finding on costs requested pursuant  
27 to subdivision (a).

28 (d) If an order for recovery of costs is made and timely payment is not made as  
directed in the department's decision, the department may enforce the order for  
repayment in any appropriate court. This right of enforcement shall be in addition to  
any other rights the department may have as to any licensee to pay costs.

(e) In any action for recovery of costs, proof of the department's decision shall  
be conclusive proof of the validity of the order of payment and the terms for payment.

(f)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the department shall not renew or  
reinstate the license of any licensee who has failed to pay all of the costs ordered  
under this section.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the department may, in its discretion,  
conditionally renew or reinstate for a maximum of one year the license of any  
licensee who demonstrates financial hardship and who enters into a formal agreement  
with the department to reimburse the department within that one-year period for the  
unpaid costs.

(g) All costs recovered under this section shall be considered a reimbursement

1 for costs incurred and shall be deposited into the Cannabis Control Fund to be  
2 available upon appropriation by the Legislature.

3 (h) Nothing in this section shall preclude the department from including the  
4 recovery of the costs of investigation and enforcement of a case in any stipulated  
5 settlement.

#### 6 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

7 21. On November 14, 2024, Department Special Investigators (SI) Isabel Sanchez  
8 (Sanchez), Denis Rakitskiy (Rakitskiy) and Steven Rodriquez (Rodriquez) attempted to conduct a  
9 regulatory compliance inspection at Respondent's premises located at 1320 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Berkeley,  
10 California 94710. However, the Department SIs were unable to gain access to Respondent's  
11 licensed premises. Consequently, SI Sanchez searched Respondent's contact information in the  
12 Department's licensing database and telephonically contacted the owner/applicant of Respondent,  
13 Owner Amin.

14 22. During the telephone call, SI Sanchez identified herself to Owner Amin and  
15 requested that he provide access to inspect Respondent's licensed premises. Owner Amin told SI  
16 Sanchez that Respondent was no longer operating from the licensed premises because the  
17 property owner had terminated Respondent's lease sometime around September 2024. Owner  
18 Amin further told SI Sanchez that there were no cannabis or cannabis products located at  
19 Respondent's licensed premise.

20 23. SI Sanchez further searched the Department's licensing database and confirmed  
21 that Respondent had not notified the Department of the terminated lease or that it had ceased to  
22 operate at the licensed premises. Accordingly, SI Sanchez requested Owner Amin provide a copy  
23 of the lease agreement as well as documentation of the termination of the lease agreement. In  
24 response, Owner Amin indicated that he would provide the requested lease agreement and  
25 termination of lease agreement. SI Sanchez later sent Owner Amin a follow up email  
26 summarizing the November 14, 2024, phone call discussion and reaffirming the instructions to  
27 provide the Department the requested lease documents.

28 24. On November 21, 2024, SI Sanchez sent a text message to Owner Amin again  
requesting Owner Amin provide Respondent's lease agreement along with the documentation  
regarding termination of the lease agreement.



1 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

2 (Failure to Accurately Record Transfers of Cannabis and Cannabis Products)

3 29. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under Code section 26030,  
4 subdivisions (a) and (c), and Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 15047.2 and  
5 15049.2, in that Respondent failed to accurately and properly comply with CCTT requirements  
6 and record all commercial cannabis activity in the CCTT system while transferring cannabis and  
7 cannabis products on and/or off of the licensed premises, as more particularly alleged in  
8 paragraphs 21 through 27, above, which are incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set  
9 forth herein.

10 **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

11 (Failure to Perform Track and Trace System Reconciliation)

12 30. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 26030,  
13 subdivisions (a) and (c), 26160, and Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15051,  
14 subdivisions (a)(1) and (b), in that Respondent failed to review the information recorded in the  
15 CCTT system at least once every 30 calendar days, including the reconciliation of on-hand  
16 inventory of cannabis with the CCTT records, and conducting an audit and notifying the  
17 Department in writing if a significant discrepancy is found as more particularly alleged in  
18 paragraphs 21 through 27, above, which are hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if  
19 fully set forth herein.

20 **FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

21 (Failure To Adhere To Business Modification Requirements)

22 31. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 26030,  
23 subdivisions (a) and (c), and 26160, as well as Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations,  
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**PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Director issue a decision:

1. Revoking or suspending outright, suspending with terms and conditions, or fining, or any combination thereof, the Cannabis - Distributor License Number C11-0001775-LIC issued to Respondent American Origin Company, Inc.;

2. Ordering Respondent American Origin Company, Inc., and Sonny Amin as Owner, to pay the Department the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 26031.1;

3. Ordering the destruction of cannabis and cannabis products in the possession of Respondent American Origin Company, Inc., at Respondent’s expense if revocation of Cannabis – Distributor License Number C11-0001775-LIC is ordered, pursuant to Code of Regulations, title 4, section 15024.1, subdivision (a); and

4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: June 10, 2025

*Evelyn Schaeffer*  
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EVELYN SCHAEFFER  
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State of California  
*Complainant*

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# Exhibit B

First Amended Accusation No. DCC24-0002631-INV

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8 **BEFORE THE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL**  
9 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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12 In the Matter of the First Amended Accusation  
Against:

Case No. DCC24-0002631-INV

13 **AMERICAN ORIGIN COMPANY, INC.;**  
14 **SONNY AMIN, DESIGNATED**  
**RESPONSIBLE PARTY/OWNER**  
15 **1320 9th Street**  
**Berkeley, CA 94710**

**FIRST AMENDED ACCUSATION**

16 **Cannabis - Distributor License**  
17 **No. C11-0001775-LIC**

18 Respondent.

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20 **PARTIES**

21 1. Evelyn Schaeffer (Complainant) brings this First Amended Accusation solely in her  
22 official capacity as the Deputy Director of the Compliance Division of the Department of  
23 Cannabis Control (Department).

24 2. On or about December 23, 2022, the Department issued Cannabis - Distributor  
25 License Number C11-0001775-LIC to American Origin Company, Inc. (Respondent) with Sonny  
26 Amin as Designated Responsible Party and Owner (DRP/Owner Amin). The Cannabis -  
27 Distributor License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein  
28 and will expire on December 23, 2026, unless renewed.

1 **PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

2 3. On or about June 26, 2025, the Department served Accusation DCC24-0002631-INV,  
3 and accompanying documents, upon Respondent. On or about July 9, 2025, Respondent timely  
4 submitted its Notice of Defense and requested an administrative hearing on the merits. The  
5 matter is currently set for an administrative hearing to commence on May 13, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.,  
6 and to continue through May 14, 2026.

7 4. On March 6, 2026, the Department issued, and served, an Emergency Decision and  
8 Order (EDO), pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 17815, on Respondent.  
9 The EDO was effective the same day at 5:00 p.m. The EDO suspended Respondent’s distributor  
10 license and ordered Respondent to cease all commercial cannabis activity. The time to initiate  
11 adjudicative proceedings is within 10 days after the issuance or effective date of the EDO, or in  
12 this case by or on March 16, 2026.

13 **JURISDICTION**

14 5. This First Amended Accusation is brought before the Director (Director) for the  
15 Department, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business  
16 and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.

17 6. Section 26010 of the Code states:

18 There is in the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency, the  
19 Department of Cannabis Control under the supervision and control of a director. The  
20 director shall administer and enforce the provisions of this division related to the  
department.

21 7. Section 26010.5, subdivision (d), of the Code states:

22 The department has the power, duty, purpose, responsibility, and jurisdiction to  
23 regulate commercial cannabis activity as provided in this division....

24 8. Section 26011.5 of the Code states:

25 The protection of the public shall be the highest priority for all licensing authorities in  
26 exercising licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions under this division.  
27 Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be  
28 promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

1 9. Section 26012, subdivision (a), of the Code states:

2 It being a matter of statewide concern, except as otherwise authorized in this  
3 division, the department shall have the sole authority to create, issue, deny, renew,  
discipline, condition, suspend, or revoke licenses for commercial cannabis activity....

4 10. Section 26013, subdivision (a), of the Code states:

5 The department shall make and prescribe reasonable rules and regulations as  
6 may be necessary to implement, administer, and enforce its duties under this division  
7 in accordance with Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of  
Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code....

8 11. Section 26015, subdivision (a), of the Code states:

9 (a) The department may make or cause to be made such investigation as it  
10 deems necessary to carry out its duties under this division.

11 12. Section 26031 of the Code states, in part:

12 (a) The department may suspend, revoke, place on probation with terms and  
13 conditions, or otherwise discipline licenses issued by the department and fine a  
licensee, after proper notice and hearing to the licensee, except as provided in Section  
14 26031.01, if the licensee is found to have committed any of the acts or omissions  
constituting grounds for disciplinary action. The disciplinary proceedings under this  
15 chapter shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing with Section  
11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, and the director  
16 shall have all the powers granted therein.

17 ...

18 (c) The department may take disciplinary action against a licensee for any  
19 violation of this division when the violation was committed by the licensee's officers,  
directors, owners, agents, or employees while acting on behalf of the licensee or  
engaged in commercial cannabis activity....

20 13. Section 26034 of the Code states:

21 All accusations against licensees shall be filed by the department within five  
22 years after the performance of the act or omission alleged as the ground for  
disciplinary action; provided, however, that the foregoing provision shall not  
23 constitute a defense to an accusation alleging fraud or misrepresentation as a ground  
for disciplinary action. The cause for disciplinary action in that case shall not be  
24 deemed to have accrued until discovery, by the department, of the facts constituting  
the fraud or misrepresentation, and, in that case, the accusation shall be filed within  
25 five years after that discovery.

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**STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

14. Section 26030 of the Code, in part, states:

Grounds for disciplinary action include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

(a) Failure to comply with the provisions of this division or any rule or regulation adopted pursuant to this division.

...

(c) Any other grounds contained in regulations adopted by a licensing authority pursuant to this division....

15. Section 26039.3 of the Code, in part, states:

(a) If the department finds or has probable cause to believe that cannabis or cannabis product is adulterated or misbranded within the meaning of this division, or the sale of the cannabis or cannabis product would be in violation of this division, the department shall affix to the cannabis or cannabis product, or component thereof, a tag or other appropriate marking. . .

...

16. Section 26039.6 of the Code, in part, states:

(a) Cannabis or a cannabis product is adulterated if it is any of the following:

(3) It bears or contains any poisonous or deleterious substance that may render it injurious to users under the conditions of use suggested in the labeling or under conditions that are customary or usual.

...

(d) It is unlawful to receive in commerce cannabis or a cannabis product that is adulterated or to distribute, deliver, or proffer for delivery any such cannabis or cannabis product.

17. Section 26160 of the Code states:

Commercial cannabis activity; duty to maintain records; inspection; violation; penalty.

(a) A licensee shall keep accurate records of commercial cannabis activity.

(b) All records related to commercial cannabis activity as defined by the department shall be maintained for a minimum of seven years.

(c) The department may examine the records of a licensee and inspect the premises of a licensee as the department, or a state or local agency, deems necessary to perform its duties under this division. All inspections and examinations of records shall be conducted during standard business hours of the licensed facility or at any other reasonable time. Licensees shall provide and deliver records to the department upon request.

(d) Licensees shall keep records identified by the department on the premises of the location licensed. The department may make any examination of the records of any

1 licensee. Licensees shall also provide and deliver copies of documents to  
2 the department upon request.

3 (e) A licensee, or its agent or employee, that refuses, impedes, obstructs, or interferes  
4 with an inspection of the premises or records of the licensee pursuant to this section,  
has engaged in a violation of this division.

5 (f) If a licensee, or an agent or employee of a licensee, fails to maintain or provide the  
6 records required pursuant to this section, the licensee shall be subject to a citation and  
fine of up to thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) per individual violation.

7 **REGULATORY PROVISIONS**

8 18. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15000.1, in part, states:

9 ...

10 (c) The licensee shall only conduct commercial cannabis activities authorized by the  
11 license and on the premises licensed for activity.

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13 19. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15000.3, in part, states:

14 ...

15 (d) Licensees shall ensure that the Department has immediate access to their licensed  
16 premises. If the Department is denied access to a licensee's premises for any reason, the  
17 licensee shall be held responsible and subject to discipline. If the Department is denied  
access to one licensee's premises because of another licensee's refusal to grant access when  
the only access to one licensed premises is through another licensed premises, all licensees  
shall be held responsible and subject to discipline.

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19 20. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15000.7, in part, states:

20 (a) All cannabis and cannabis products must be stored within the licensed premises.

21 ...

22 21. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15023 states:

23 Business modifications shall be made in accordance with the following:

24 ...

25 (c) Licenses are not transferrable or assignable to another person or owner. In the  
26 event of the sale or other transfer of the business or operations covered by the licensee,  
changes in ownership shall be made in accordance with the following:

27 (1) If one or more of the owners change, the new owners shall submit the  
28 information required under section 15002(c)(16) for each new owner to the Department  
within 14 calendar days of the effective date of the ownership change. The business may

1 continue to operate under the active license while the Department reviews the  
2 qualifications of the new owner(s) in accordance with the Act and these regulations to  
3 determine whether the change would constitute grounds for denial of the license, if at least  
4 one existing owner is not transferring their ownership interest and will remain as an owner  
5 under the new ownership structure. If all owners will be transferring their ownership  
6 interest, the business shall not operate under the new ownership structure until a new  
7 license application has been submitted to and approved by the Department, and all  
8 application and license fees for the new application have been paid. The former owner's  
9 inventory shall be transferred to the new owner's track and trace account upon issuance of  
10 the license.

11 (A) A change in ownership occurs when a new person meets the definition of owner  
12 in section 15003.

13 ...

14 (e) When any of the following changes occur, the licensee shall notify the  
15 Department within 14 calendar days of the change:

16 (1) Any change to contact information from the information provided to the  
17 Department in the original application.

18 ...

19 (h) Except as permitted under Business and Professions Code section 26050.2 (h),  
20 licensees may not be transferred from one premises to another. Licensees shall not operate  
21 out of a new premises until they have been issued a new license.

22 (i) For any business modification or notification under this section, licensees shall use  
23 and submit to the Department the Licensee Notification and Request Form, Notifications  
24 and Requests to Modify a License, DCC-LIC-027 (Amended 2/22), which is incorporated  
25 herein by reference, unless the change relates to contact information and can be made  
26 through the Department's online system....

27 22. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15047.2 states:

28 (a) A licensee shall create and maintain an account within the track and trace system  
prior to engaging in any commercial cannabis activity.

(b) All commercial cannabis activity shall be accurately recorded in the track and  
trace system.

(c) A licensee is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of all data and  
information entered into the track and trace system. The licensee is responsible for all  
actions taken by the designated account manager or other account users while performing  
track and trace activities.

(d) A person shall not intentionally misrepresent or falsify information entered into  
the track and trace system.

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1 23. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15049.2 states:

2 (a) A licensee shall prepare a shipping manifest through the track and trace system  
3 prior to transferring cannabis and cannabis products off of a licensed premises. The  
4 following information shall be recorded on the shipping manifest by the licensee initiating  
5 the transfer:

6 (1) The name, license number, and premises address of the originating licensee;

7 (2) The name and license number of the distributor transporting the cannabis and  
8 cannabis products;

9 (3) The name, license number, and premises address of the licensee receiving the  
10 cannabis or cannabis products into inventory of storage;

11 (4) The UID numbers for all items being transferred;

12 (5) The item name, item category and weight or count of cannabis or cannabis  
13 products associated with each package tag;

14 (6) The estimated date and time of departure from the licensed premises;

15 (7) The estimated date and time of arrival at each licensed premises; and

16 (8) The driver's license number of the personnel transporting the cannabis and  
17 cannabis products, and the make, model, and license plate number of the vehicle used for  
18 transport.

19 (b) The distributor who transports the cannabis or cannabis product shall record the  
20 following additional information of the shipping manifest:

21 (1) The actual date and time of departure from the licensed premises; and

22 (2) The actual date and time of arrival at each licensed premises.

23 (c) Upon pick-up or receipt of cannabis and cannabis products for transport, storage,  
24 or inventory, a licensee shall ensure that the cannabis or cannabis products received are as  
25 described in the shipping manifest. The licensee shall record acceptance or receipt, and  
26 acknowledgment of the cannabis or cannabis products in the track and trace system.

27 (d) If there are any discrepancies between type or quantity of cannabis or cannabis  
28 products specified in the shipping manifest and the type or quantity received by the  
licensee, the licensee shall reject the shipment.

24. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15051 states:

(a) The license shall review the information recorded in the track and trace system at  
least once every 30 calendar days to ensure its accuracy, including, at a minimum:

(1) Reconciling on-hand inventory of cannabis and cannabis product with the  
records in the track and trace system;

(2) Reviewing the licensee's authorized users and removing any users who are no

1 longer authorized to enter information into the track and trace system.

2 (b) If a licensee finds a discrepancy between the on-hand inventory and the track and  
3 trace system, the licensee shall conduct an audit and notify the Department in writing if  
4 the discrepancy is significant as defined in section 15034.

5 25. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 17800 states:

6 (a) The Department and its authorized representatives, for purposes of inspection,  
7 investigation, review, or audit, shall have full and immediate access to:

8 (1) Enter any premises licensed by the Department.

9 (2) Inspect and test any vehicle or equipment possessed by, in control of, or used by  
10 a licensee or their agents and employees for the purpose of conducting commercial  
11 cannabis activity.

12 (3) Test any cannabis goods or cannabis-related materials or products possessed by,  
13 in control of, or used by a licensee or their agents and employees for the purpose of  
14 conducting commercial cannabis activity.

15 (4) Copy any materials, books, or records of any licensee or their agents and  
16 employees.

17 (b) Failure to cooperate with and participate in any Department investigation  
18 pending against the licensee may result in a licensing violation subject to discipline. This  
19 subsection shall not be construed to deprive a licensee of any privilege guaranteed by the  
20 Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, or any other constitutional or  
21 statutory privileges. This subsection shall not be construed to require a licensee to  
22 cooperate with a request that would require the licensee to waive any constitutional or  
23 statutory privilege or to comply with a request for information or other matters within an  
24 unreasonable period of time in light of the time constraints of the licensee's business. Any  
25 constitutional or statutory privilege exercised by the licensee shall not be used against the  
26 licensee in a regulatory or disciplinary proceeding against the licensee.

27 (c) Prior notice of an inspection, investigation, review, or audit is not required.

28 (d) Any inspection, investigation, review, or audit of a licensed premises shall be  
conducted anytime the licensee is exercising privileges under the license, or as otherwise  
agreed to by the Department and the licensee or its agents, employees, or representatives.

(e) If the licensed premises is not accessible because access is only available by going  
through another licensed premises and the licensee occupying the other licensed premises  
denies the Department access, the licensees shall both be held responsible and subject to  
discipline.

### **COST RECOVERY**

26. Section 26031.1 of the Code states that:

(a) Except as otherwise provided by law, in an order issued in resolution of a  
disciplinary proceeding before the department, the administrative law judge, upon  
request, may direct a licensee found to have committed a violation to pay a sum not to  
exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

1 (b) A certified copy of the actual costs, or a good faith estimate of costs where  
2 actual costs are not available, signed by the department or its designated  
3 representative shall be prima facie evidence of reasonable costs of investigation and  
4 prosecution of the case. The costs shall include the amount of investigative and  
5 enforcement costs up to the date of the hearing, including, but not limited to, charges  
6 imposed by the Attorney General.

7 (c) The administrative law judge shall make a proposed finding of the amount  
8 of reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution of the case when requested  
9 pursuant to subdivision (a). The finding of the administrative law judge with regard to  
10 costs shall not be reviewable by the department to increase the cost award. The  
11 department may reduce or eliminate the cost award, or remand to the administrative  
12 law judge if the proposed decision fails to make a finding on costs requested pursuant  
13 to subdivision (a).

14 (d) If an order for recovery of costs is made and timely payment is not made as  
15 directed in the department's decision, the department may enforce the order for  
16 repayment in any appropriate court. This right of enforcement shall be in addition to  
17 any other rights the department may have as to any licensee to pay costs.

18 (e) In any action for recovery of costs, proof of the department's decision shall  
19 be conclusive proof of the validity of the order of payment and the terms for payment.

20 (f)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the department shall not renew or  
21 reinstate the license of any licensee who has failed to pay all of the costs ordered  
22 under this section.

23 (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the department may, in its discretion,  
24 conditionally renew or reinstate for a maximum of one year the license of any  
25 licensee who demonstrates financial hardship and who enters into a formal agreement  
26 with the department to reimburse the department within that one-year period for the  
27 unpaid costs.

28 (g) All costs recovered under this section shall be considered a reimbursement  
for costs incurred and shall be deposited into the Cannabis Control Fund to be  
available upon appropriation by the Legislature.

(h) Nothing in this section shall preclude the department from including the  
recovery of the costs of investigation and enforcement of a case in any stipulated  
settlement.

### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

24 27. On November 14, 2024, Department staff attempted to conduct a regulatory  
25 compliance inspection at Respondent's premises located at 1320 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Berkeley, California  
26 94710 (licensed premises). However, Department staff were unable to gain access to  
27 Respondent's licensed premises. Consequently, Department staff searched Respondent's contact  
28 information in the Department's licensing database and telephonically contacted the DRP/Owner

1 Amin.

2 28. During the telephone call, Department staff asked for access to inspect  
3 Respondent's licensed premises, but DRP/Owner Amin told Department staff that Respondent  
4 was no longer operating from the licensed premises because the property owner had terminated  
5 Respondent's lease sometime around September 2024. DRP/Owner Amin further told  
6 Department staff that there were no cannabis or cannabis products located at Respondent's  
7 licensed premises.

8 29. Department staff then further searched the Department's licensing database and  
9 confirmed that Respondent had not notified the Department of the terminated lease or that it had  
10 ceased to operate at the licensed premises. Accordingly, Department staff requested DRP/Owner  
11 Amin provide a copy of the lease agreement as well as documentation of the termination of the  
12 lease agreement. In response, DRP/Owner Amin indicated that he would provide the requested  
13 lease agreement and termination of lease agreement. Department staff later sent DRP/Owner  
14 Amin a follow up email summarizing the November 14, 2024, phone call discussion and  
15 reaffirming the instructions to provide the Department the requested lease documents.

16 30. On November 21, 2024, Department staff sent a text message to DRP/Owner Amin  
17 again requesting he provide Respondent's lease agreement along with the documentation regarding  
18 termination of the lease agreement.

19 31. Department staff subsequently searched the California Cannabis Track and Trace  
20 (CCTT) database and discovered that Respondent's CCTT account showed that there was active  
21 cannabis inventory present at the licensed premises and it appeared that Respondent was still  
22 accepting cannabis, and cannabis products, despite DRP/Owner Amin's previous statements that  
23 the lease for the licensed premises had been terminated and Respondent was no longer operating  
24 at the licensed premises.

25 32. As of December 18, 2024, DRP/Owner Amin had not responded to the email or  
26 text message communication made by Department staff, nor had DRP/Owner Amin provided  
27 Respondent's lease agreement with the alleged termination of lease agreement the Department. At  
28 that time, Department staff again searched Respondent's CCTT account and learned that

1 Respondent had continued to receive cannabis, and cannabis products, between November 18,  
2 2024, and December 18, 2024.

3 33. On January 21, 2025, Department staff conducted another search of Respondent's  
4 CCTT account and discovered 1,953 cannabis package adjustments from September 1, 2024,  
5 through January 21, 2025. Additionally, there were 386 incoming transfers, including three  
6 outgoing transfers, and two active packages. These movements of cannabis, and cannabis  
7 products, indicate that Respondent is continuing to operate despite DRP/Owner Amin's  
8 representation to the Department that Respondent was no longer operating from its licensed  
9 premises.

#### 10 Events Leading to the Issuance of the EDO

11 34. On January 28, 2026, Department staff performed a review of Respondent's CCTT  
12 account and discovered on January 14, 2026, Respondent served as the outbound transporter for  
13 cannabis flower suspected of being adulterated with the Category I residual pesticide Dichlorvos.  
14 The destination listed on the transfer manifest ending in 359 (Manifest 359) was Respondent's  
15 licensed premises located at 1320 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Berkeley, California 94710.

16 35. On January 29, 2026, Department staff attempted to conduct a regulatory  
17 compliance inspection at Respondent's licensed premises for the purpose of embargoing the  
18 adulterated cannabis and perform sample collection for further regulatory testing.

19 36. Upon arrival, Department staff observed a real estate sign posted on the front of  
20 the building identifying the property as "available." Department staff contacted the real estate  
21 agent who told Department staff that the building had been vacant for "a significant period of  
22 time." The real estate agent told Department staff that he would have the property owner contact  
23 them to confirm the vacant status. Department staff then knocked on the front door, and rang the  
24 doorbell, but nobody answered. Department staff were unable to initiate an embargo of the  
25 adulterated cannabis associated with Manifest 359 and/or perform sample collection for testing.

26 37. Department staff contacted DRP/Owner Amin, by telephone. During the call,  
27 DRP/Owner Amin told Department staff that he had sold his cannabis business approximately  
28 one year ago to a person identified as "E.P.," who is listed in the Respondent's CCTT account as

1 an employee. Department staff informed DRP/Owner Amin that the Department’s licensing  
2 records list him as the Designated Responsible Party and that his request for an ownership  
3 change/transfer had been denied by the Department. Department staff then requested contact  
4 information for E.P., but DRP/Owner Amin was unable to provide that information.

5 38. On January 30, 2026, Department staff received a phone call from an individual  
6 who identified himself as “R.C.,” and stated that he was a representative of the current property  
7 owner. R.C. confirmed that the property had been vacant for approximately one year. He stated  
8 that the previous occupant had purchased the building, but subsequently defaulted on the loan,  
9 resulting in the former property owner reacquiring the building. R.C. provided Department staff  
10 with a copy of the Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure, dated December 30, 2024.

11 39. On January 30, 2026, Department staff reviewed Respondent’s CCTT account,  
12 which showed Respondent had reported receiving twenty-four (24) transfers with 175 package  
13 unique identifier (UIDs) tags within those transfers.

14 40. On March 4, 2026, Department staff again reviewed Respondent’s CCTT account  
15 for the dates March 1, 2026, through March 4, 2026, and saw that Respondent reported receiving  
16 thirty-three (33) manifest transfers, which included one-hundred thirty-two (132) cannabis  
17 package within those transfers.

18 41. On March 5, 2026, Department staff conducted another search of Respondent’s  
19 CCTT account and discovered sixty-three (63) package adjustments of cannabis or cannabis  
20 products, from January 1, 2025, through March 5, 2026. Additionally, there were seven-hundred  
21 ninety-two (792) incoming transfers, and one (1) outgoing transfer. These movements of  
22 cannabis, and cannabis products, indicate that Respondent is continuing to operate despite  
23 DRP/Owner Amin’s representation to the Department that Respondent was no longer operating  
24 from its licensed premises.

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1 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

2 (Access to Licensed Premises)

3 42. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 26030, subdivisions  
4 (a) and (c), in that it failed to comply with Code section 26160, subdivision (e), and Title 4 of the  
5 California Code of Regulations, sections 15000.3, subdivision (d), and 17800, subdivisions (a)-  
6 (b), requiring a licensee to comply with the Department’s request for inspection of its licensed  
7 premises as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 27 through 41, above, which are hereby  
8 incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

9 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

10 (Accurately Record Transfers of Cannabis and Cannabis Products)

11 43. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under Code section 26030,  
12 subdivisions (a) and (c), and Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 15047.2 and  
13 15049.2, in that Respondent failed to accurately and properly comply with CCTT requirements  
14 and record all commercial cannabis activity in the CCTT system while transferring cannabis and  
15 cannabis products on and/or off of the licensed premises, as more particularly alleged in  
16 paragraphs 27 through 41, above, which are incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set  
17 forth herein.

18 **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

19 (Track and Trace System Reconciliation)

20 44. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 26030,  
21 subdivisions (a) and (c), 26160, and Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15051,  
22 subdivisions (a)(1) and (b), in that Respondent failed to review the information recorded in the  
23 CCTT system at least once every 30 calendar days, including the reconciliation of on-hand  
24 inventory of cannabis with the CCTT records, and conducting an audit and notifying the  
25 Department in writing if a significant discrepancy is found as more particularly alleged in  
26 paragraphs 27 through 41, above, which are hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if  
27 fully set forth herein.  
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1 **FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

2 (Business Modification Requirements)

3 45. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 26030,  
4 subdivisions (a) and (c), and 26160, as well as Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations,  
5 section 15023, subdivisions (e) and (h), in that Respondent failed to update the Department of any  
6 changes in its licensed premises, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 27 through 41, above,  
7 which are hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

8 **FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

9 (Information Recorded in CCTT)

10 46. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under Code section 26030,  
11 subdivisions (a) and (c), and Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15047.2,  
12 subdivision (d), in that Respondent intentionally misrepresented or falsified commercial cannabis  
13 activity in its CCTT account, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 34 through 41, above,  
14 which are hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

15 **SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

16 (Conducting Cannabis Activity and Storage of Inventory Within the Licensed Premises)

17 47. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under Code section 26030,  
18 subdivisions (a) and (c), and California Code of Regulations, title 4, sections 15000.1 subdivision  
19 (c), and 15000.7, subdivision (a), in that Respondent conducted commercial cannabis activities  
20 beyond the premises licensed for the activity and failed to store all cannabis and cannabis  
21 products solely within the licensed premises, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 34  
22 through 41, above, which are hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth  
23 herein.

24 **SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

25 (Adulterated Cannabis Products)

26 48. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 26039.3,  
27 subdivision (a), and 26039.6, (a)(3) and (d), prohibiting a licensee from receiving, distributing,  
28 delivering, or proffering for delivery adulterated cannabis or cannabis products, as more

1 particularly alleged in paragraphs 34 through 41, above, which are hereby incorporated by  
2 reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

3 **PRAYER**

4 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,  
5 and that following the hearing, the Director issue a decision:

6 1. Revoking or suspending outright, suspending with terms and conditions, or fining, or  
7 any combination thereof, the Cannabis - Distributor License Number C11-0001775-LIC issued to  
8 Respondent American Origin Company, Inc.;

9 2. Ordering Respondent American Origin Company, Inc., and Sonny Amin as  
10 Designated Responsible Party and Owner, to pay the Department the reasonable costs of the  
11 investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section  
12 26031.1;

13 3. Ordering the destruction of cannabis and cannabis products in the possession of  
14 Respondent American Origin Company, Inc., and Sonny Amin as Designated Responsible Party  
15 and Owner, at Respondent's expense if revocation of Cannabis – Distributor License Number  
16 C11-0001775-LIC is ordered, pursuant to Code of Regulations, title 4, section 15024.1,  
17 subdivision (a); and

18 4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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20 DATED: March 13, 2026

*Evelyn Schaeffer*  
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EVELYN SCHAEFFER  
Deputy Director, Compliance Division  
Department of Cannabis Control  
State of California  
*Complainant*

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**BEFORE THE  
DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:  
**AMERICAN ORIGIN COMPANY, INC.;**  
**SONNY AMIN, DRP/OWNER**  
**6283 Kelez Ct.**  
**San Jose, California 95120**

**Cannabis Distributor License**  
**No. C11-0001775-LIC**

Respondent.

Case No. DCC24-0002631-INV

**DEFAULT DECISION INVESTIGATORY  
EVIDENCE PACKET**

[Gov. Code §11520]

The Default Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet in support of the Default Decision and Order in the above-entitled matter consists of the following.

**Exhibit 1:** Pleadings offered for jurisdictional purposes: Accusation No. DCC24-0002631-INV, statement to respondent, notice of defense (two blank copies), request for discovery, discovery statutes (government code sections 11507.5, 11507.6 and 11507.7), proof(s) of service, notice of hearing;

**Exhibit 2:** Pleadings offered for jurisdictional purposes: First Amended Accusation No. DCC24-0002631-INV, statement to respondent, notice of defense (two blank copies), request for discovery, discovery statutes (government code sections 11507.5, 11507.6 and 11507.7), proof(s) of service;

**Exhibit 3:** License History Certification for American Origin Company, Inc.; Sonny Amin, Owner Cannabis Distributor License No. C11-0001775-LIC;

**Exhibit 4:** Office of Administrative Hearings Findings and Declaration of Default; Order of Remand;

**Exhibit 5:** Certification of Costs by Department for Investigation in Case No. DCC24-0002631-INV dated September 3, 2025;

**Exhibit 6:** Certification of Costs by the Attorney General’s Office for Enforcement in  
Case No. DCC24-0002631-INV dated May 19, 2026;

**Exhibit 7:** Investigative Report (without attachments); Case No. DCC24-0002631-INV;  
and

**Exhibit 8:** Investigative Report (without attachments); Case No. DCC26-000231-INV.

Dated: May 19, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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# Exhibit 1

Accusation No. DCC24-0002631-INV  
Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense (two blank copies),  
Request for Discovery, discovery statutes (Government Code  
sections 11507.5, 11507.6 and 11507.7), Proof(s) of Service

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8 **BEFORE THE**  
9 **DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL**  
10 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:  
12 **AMERICAN ORIGIN COMPANY, INC.;**  
**SONNY AMIN, OWNER.**  
13  
14 Respondent.

Case No. DCC24-0002631-INV

**STATEMENT TO RESPONDENT**

[Gov. Code §§ 11504, 11505(b)]

15 **TO RESPONDENT:**

16 Enclosed is a copy of the Accusation that has been filed with the Department of Cannabis  
17 Control (Department), and which is hereby served on you.

18 Unless a written request for a hearing signed by you or on your behalf is delivered or  
19 mailed to the Department, represented by Deputy Attorney General Rob White, within fifteen  
20 (15) days after a copy of the Accusation was personally served on you or mailed to you, you will  
21 be deemed to have waived your right to a hearing in this matter and the Department may proceed  
22 upon the Accusation without a hearing and may take action thereon as provided by law.

23 The request for hearing may be made by delivering or mailing one of the enclosed forms  
24 entitled "Notice of Defense," or by delivering or mailing a Notice of Defense as provided in  
25 section 11506 of the Government Code, to

26 **Rob White**  
27 **Deputy Attorney General**  
**600 West Broadway, Suite 1800**  
28 **San Diego, CA 92101**

1 You may, but need not, be represented by counsel at any or all stages of these proceedings.

2 The enclosed Notice of Defense, if signed and filed with the Department, shall be deemed a  
3 specific denial of all parts of the Accusation, but you will not be permitted to raise any objection  
4 to the form of the Accusation unless you file a further Notice of Defense as provided in section  
5 11506 of the Government Code within fifteen (15) days after service of the Accusation on you.

6 If you file any Notice of Defense within the time permitted, a hearing will be held on the  
7 charges made in the Accusation.

8 The hearing may be postponed for good cause. If you have good cause, you are obliged to  
9 notify the Office of Administrative Hearings, Special Education Division, 1515 Clay Street, Suite  
10 206, Oakland, CA 94612, within ten (10) working days after you discover the good cause.  
11 Failure to notify the Office of Administrative Hearings within ten (10) days will deprive you of a  
12 postponement.

13 Copies of sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7 of the Government Code are enclosed.

14 If you desire the names and addresses of witnesses or an opportunity to inspect and copy  
15 the items mentioned in section 11507.6 of the Government Code in the possession, custody or  
16 control of the Department you may send a Request for Discovery to the above designated Deputy  
17 Attorney General.

18 **NOTICE REGARDING STIPULATED SETTLEMENTS**

19 It may be possible to avoid the time, expense and uncertainties involved in an  
20 administrative hearing by disposing of this matter through a stipulated settlement. A stipulated  
21 settlement is a binding written agreement between you and the government regarding the matters  
22 charged and the discipline to be imposed. Such a stipulation would have to be approved by the  
23 Department of Cannabis Control but, once approved, it would be incorporated into a final order.

24 Any stipulation must be consistent with the Department's established disciplinary  
25 guidelines; however, all matters in mitigation or aggravation will be considered. A copy of the  
26 Department's Disciplinary Guidelines will be provided to you on your written request to the state  
27 agency bringing this action.

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If you are interested in pursuing this alternative to a formal administrative hearing, or if you have any questions, you or your attorney should contact Deputy Attorney General Rob White at the earliest opportunity.

Dated: June 26, 2025

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9 **BEFORE THE**  
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10 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. DCC24-0002631-INV
12 <b>AMERICAN ORIGIN COMPANY, INC.;</b>	OAH No.
13 <b>SONNY AMIN, OWNER</b>	<b>ACCUSATION</b>
14 <b>1320 9th Street</b>	
15 <b>Berkeley, CA 94710</b>	
16 <b>Cannabis - Distributor License</b>	
17 <b>No. C11-0001775-LIC</b>	
18 Respondent.	

19 **PARTIES**

20 1. Evelyn Schaeffer (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity  
21 as the Deputy Director of the Compliance Division of the Department of Cannabis Control  
22 (Department).

23 2. On or about December 23, 2022, the Department issued Cannabis - Distributor  
24 License Number C11-0001775-LIC to American Origin Company, Inc. (Respondent) with Sonny  
25 Amin as Owner (Owner Amin). The Cannabis - Distributor License was in full force and effect  
26 at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on December 23, 2025, unless  
27 renewed.

**JURISDICTION**

2. This Accusation is brought before the Director (Director) for the Department, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.

3. Section 26010 of the Code states:

There is in the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency, the Department of Cannabis Control under the supervision and control of a director. The director shall administer and enforce the provisions of this division related to the department.

4. Section 26010.5, subdivision (d), of the Code states:

The department has the power, duty, purpose, responsibility, and jurisdiction to regulate commercial cannabis activity as provided in this division....

5. Section 26011.5 of the Code states:

The protection of the public shall be the highest priority for all licensing authorities in exercising licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions under this division. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

6. Section 26012, subdivision (a), of the Code states:

It being a matter of statewide concern, except as otherwise authorized in this division, the department shall have the sole authority to create, issue, deny, renew, discipline, condition, suspend, or revoke licenses for commercial cannabis activity....

7. Section 26013, subdivision (a), of the Code states:

The department shall make and prescribe reasonable rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement, administer, and enforce its duties under this division in accordance with Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code....

8. Section 26015, subdivision (a), of the Code states:

(a) The department may make or cause to be made such investigation as it deems necessary to carry out its duties under this division.

9. Section 26031 of the Code states, in part:

(a) The department may suspend, revoke, place on probation with terms and conditions, or otherwise discipline licenses issued by the department and fine a licensee, after proper notice and hearing to the licensee, except as provided in Section

1 26031.01, if the licensee is found to have committed any of the acts or omissions  
2 constituting grounds for disciplinary action. The disciplinary proceedings under this  
3 chapter shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing with Section  
4 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, and the director  
5 shall have all the powers granted therein.

6 ...

7 (c) The department may take disciplinary action against a licensee for any  
8 violation of this division when the violation was committed by the licensee's officers,  
9 directors, owners, agents, or employees while acting on behalf of the licensee or  
10 engaged in commercial cannabis activity....

11 10. Section 26034 of the Code states:

12 All accusations against licensees shall be filed by the department within five  
13 years after the performance of the act or omission alleged as the ground for  
14 disciplinary action; provided, however, that the foregoing provision shall not  
15 constitute a defense to an accusation alleging fraud or misrepresentation as a ground  
16 for disciplinary action. The cause for disciplinary action in that case shall not be  
17 deemed to have accrued until discovery, by the department, of the facts constituting  
18 the fraud or misrepresentation, and, in that case, the accusation shall be filed within  
19 five years after that discovery.

### 20 STATUTORY PROVISIONS

21 11. Section 26030 of the Code states:

22 Grounds for disciplinary action include, but are not limited to, all of the  
23 following:

24 (a) Failure to comply with the provisions of this division or any rule or  
25 regulation adopted pursuant to this division.

26 ...

27 (c) Any other grounds contained in regulations adopted by a licensing authority  
28 pursuant to this division....

12. Section 26160 of the Code states:

Commercial cannabis activity; duty to maintain records; inspection; violation;  
penalty.

(a) A licensee shall keep accurate records of commercial cannabis activity.

(b) All records related to commercial cannabis activity as defined by  
the department shall be maintained for a minimum of seven years.

(c) The department may examine the records of a licensee and inspect the  
premises of a licensee as the department, or a state or local agency, deems necessary

1 to perform its duties under this division. All inspections and examinations of records  
2 shall be conducted during standard business hours of the licensed facility or at any  
other reasonable time. Licensees shall provide and deliver records to  
the department upon request.

3 (d) Licensees shall keep records identified by the department on the premises of  
4 the location licensed. The department may make any examination of the records of  
any licensee. Licensees shall also provide and deliver copies of documents to  
5 the department upon request.

6 (e) A licensee, or its agent or employee, that refuses, impedes, obstructs, or  
interferes with an inspection of the premises or records of the licensee pursuant to this  
7 section, has engaged in a violation of this division.

8 (f) If a licensee, or an agent or employee of a licensee, fails to maintain or  
9 provide the records required pursuant to this section, the licensee shall be subject to a  
citation and fine of up to thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) per individual violation.

### 10 **REGULATORY PROVISIONS**

11 13. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15000.3 states:

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13 (d) Licensees shall ensure that the Department has immediate access to their licensed  
14 premises. If the Department is denied access to a licensee's premises for any reason, the  
licensee shall be held responsible and subject to discipline. If the Department is denied  
15 access to one licensee's premises because of another licensee's refusal to grant access when  
the only access to one licensed premises is through another licensed premises, all licensees  
16 shall be held responsible and subject to discipline.

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18 14. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15023 states:

19 Business modifications shall be made in accordance with the following:

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21 (e) When any of the following changes occur, the licensee shall notify the  
22 Department within 14 calendar days of the change:

23 (1) Any change to contact information from the information provided to the  
Department in the original application.

24 ...

25 (h) Except as permitted under Business and Professions Code section 26050.2 (h),  
26 licensees may not be transferred from one premises to another. Licensees shall not operate  
out of a new premises until they have been issued a new license.

27 (i) For any business modification or notification under this section, licensees shall use  
28 and submit to the Department the Licensee Notification and Request Form, Notifications  
and Requests to Modify a License, DCC-LIC-027 (Amended 2/22), which is incorporated

1 herein by reference, unless the change relates to contact information and can be made  
2 through the Department's online system....

3 15. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15047.2 states:

4 (a) A licensee shall create and maintain an account within the track and trace system  
5 prior to engaging in any commercial cannabis activity.

6 (b) All commercial cannabis activity shall be accurately recorded in the track and  
7 trace system.

8 (c) A licensee is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of all data and  
9 information entered into the track and trace system. The licensee is responsible for all  
10 actions taken by the designated account manager or other account users while performing  
11 track and trace activities.

12 (d) A person shall not intentionally misrepresent or falsify information entered into  
13 the track and trace system.

14 17. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15049.2 states:

15 (a) A licensee shall prepare a shipping manifest through the track and trace system  
16 prior to transferring cannabis and cannabis products off of a licensed premises. The  
17 following information shall be recorded on the shipping manifest by the licensee initiating  
18 the transfer:

19 (1) The name, license number, and premises address of the originating licensee;

20 (2) The name and license number of the distributor transporting the cannabis and  
21 cannabis products;

22 (3) The name, license number, and premises address of the licensee receiving the  
23 cannabis or cannabis products into inventory of storage;

24 (4) The UID numbers for all items being transferred;

25 (5) The item name, item category and weight or count of cannabis or cannabis  
26 products associated with each package tag;

27 (6) The estimated date and time of departure from the licensed premises;

28 (7) The estimated date and time of arrival at each licensed premises; and

(8) The driver's license number of the personnel transporting the cannabis and  
cannabis products, and the make, model, and license plate number of the vehicle used for  
transport.

(b) The distributor who transports the cannabis or cannabis product shall record the  
following additional information of the shipping manifest:

(1) The actual date and time of departure from the licensed premises; and

(2) The actual date and time of arrival at each licensed premises.

(c) Upon pick-up or receipt of cannabis and cannabis products for transport, storage,

1 or inventory, a licensee shall ensure that the cannabis or cannabis products received are as  
2 described in the shipping manifest. The licensee shall record acceptance or receipt, and  
3 acknowledgment of the cannabis or cannabis products in the track and trace system.

4 (d) If there are any discrepancies between type or quantity of cannabis or cannabis  
5 products specified in the shipping manifest and the type or quantity received by the  
6 licensee, the licensee shall reject the shipment.

7 18. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15051 states:

8 (a) The license shall review the information recorded in the track and trace system at  
9 least once every 30 calendar days to ensure its accuracy, including, at a minimum:

10 (1) Reconciling on-hand inventory of cannabis and cannabis product with the  
11 records in the track and trace system;

12 (2) Reviewing the licensee's authorized users and removing any users who are no  
13 longer authorized to enter information into the track and trace system.

14 (b) If a licensee finds a discrepancy between the on-hand inventory and the track and  
15 trace system, the licensee shall conduct an audit and notify the Department in writing if  
16 the discrepancy is significant as defined in section 15034.

17 19. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 17800 states:

18 (a) The Department and its authorized representatives, for purposes of inspection,  
19 investigation, review, or audit, shall have full and immediate access to:

20 (1) Enter any premises licensed by the Department.

21 (2) Inspect and test any vehicle or equipment possessed by, in control of, or used by  
22 a licensee or their agents and employees for the purpose of conducting commercial  
23 cannabis activity.

24 (3) Test any cannabis goods or cannabis-related materials or products possessed by,  
25 in control of, or used by a licensee or their agents and employees for the purpose of  
26 conducting commercial cannabis activity.

27 (4) Copy any materials, books, or records of any licensee or their agents and  
28 employees.

(b) Failure to cooperate with and participate in any Department investigation  
pending against the licensee may result in a licensing violation subject to discipline. This  
subsection shall not be construed to deprive a licensee of any privilege guaranteed by the  
Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, or any other constitutional or  
statutory privileges. This subsection shall not be construed to require a licensee to  
cooperate with a request that would require the licensee to waive any constitutional or  
statutory privilege or to comply with a request for information or other matters within an  
unreasonable period of time in light of the time constraints of the licensee's business. Any  
constitutional or statutory privilege exercised by the licensee shall not be used against the  
licensee in a regulatory or disciplinary proceeding against the licensee.

1 (c) Prior notice of an inspection, investigation, review, or audit is not required.

2 (d) Any inspection, investigation, review, or audit of a licensed premises shall be  
3 conducted anytime the licensee is exercising privileges under the license, or as otherwise  
4 agreed to by the Department and the licensee or its agents, employees, or representatives.

5 (e) If the licensed premises is not accessible because access is only available by going  
6 through another licensed premises and the licensee occupying the other licensed premises  
7 denies the Department access, the licensees shall both be held responsible and subject to  
8 discipline.

### 9 **COST RECOVERY**

10 20. Section 26031.1 of the Code states that:

11 (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, in an order issued in resolution of a  
12 disciplinary proceeding before the department, the administrative law judge, upon  
13 request, may direct a licensee found to have committed a violation to pay a sum not to  
14 exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

15 (b) A certified copy of the actual costs, or a good faith estimate of costs where  
16 actual costs are not available, signed by the department or its designated  
17 representative shall be prima facie evidence of reasonable costs of investigation and  
18 prosecution of the case. The costs shall include the amount of investigative and  
19 enforcement costs up to the date of the hearing, including, but not limited to, charges  
20 imposed by the Attorney General.

21 (c) The administrative law judge shall make a proposed finding of the amount  
22 of reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution of the case when requested  
23 pursuant to subdivision (a). The finding of the administrative law judge with regard to  
24 costs shall not be reviewable by the department to increase the cost award. The  
25 department may reduce or eliminate the cost award, or remand to the administrative  
26 law judge if the proposed decision fails to make a finding on costs requested pursuant  
27 to subdivision (a).

28 (d) If an order for recovery of costs is made and timely payment is not made as  
directed in the department's decision, the department may enforce the order for  
repayment in any appropriate court. This right of enforcement shall be in addition to  
any other rights the department may have as to any licensee to pay costs.

(e) In any action for recovery of costs, proof of the department's decision shall  
be conclusive proof of the validity of the order of payment and the terms for payment.

(f)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the department shall not renew or  
reinstate the license of any licensee who has failed to pay all of the costs ordered  
under this section.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the department may, in its discretion,  
conditionally renew or reinstate for a maximum of one year the license of any  
licensee who demonstrates financial hardship and who enters into a formal agreement  
with the department to reimburse the department within that one-year period for the  
unpaid costs.

(g) All costs recovered under this section shall be considered a reimbursement

1 for costs incurred and shall be deposited into the Cannabis Control Fund to be  
2 available upon appropriation by the Legislature.

3 (h) Nothing in this section shall preclude the department from including the  
4 recovery of the costs of investigation and enforcement of a case in any stipulated  
5 settlement.

#### 6 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

7 21. On November 14, 2024, Department Special Investigators (SI) Isabel Sanchez  
8 (Sanchez), Denis Rakitskiy (Rakitskiy) and Steven Rodriquez (Rodriquez) attempted to conduct a  
9 regulatory compliance inspection at Respondent's premises located at 1320 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Berkeley,  
10 California 94710. However, the Department SIs were unable to gain access to Respondent's  
11 licensed premises. Consequently, SI Sanchez searched Respondent's contact information in the  
12 Department's licensing database and telephonically contacted the owner/applicant of Respondent,  
13 Owner Amin.

14 22. During the telephone call, SI Sanchez identified herself to Owner Amin and  
15 requested that he provide access to inspect Respondent's licensed premises. Owner Amin told SI  
16 Sanchez that Respondent was no longer operating from the licensed premises because the  
17 property owner had terminated Respondent's lease sometime around September 2024. Owner  
18 Amin further told SI Sanchez that there were no cannabis or cannabis products located at  
19 Respondent's licensed premise.

20 23. SI Sanchez further searched the Department's licensing database and confirmed  
21 that Respondent had not notified the Department of the terminated lease or that it had ceased to  
22 operate at the licensed premises. Accordingly, SI Sanchez requested Owner Amin provide a copy  
23 of the lease agreement as well as documentation of the termination of the lease agreement. In  
24 response, Owner Amin indicated that he would provide the requested lease agreement and  
25 termination of lease agreement. SI Sanchez later sent Owner Amin a follow up email  
26 summarizing the November 14, 2024, phone call discussion and reaffirming the instructions to  
27 provide the Department the requested lease documents.

28 24. On November 21, 2024, SI Sanchez sent a text message to Owner Amin again  
requesting Owner Amin provide Respondent's lease agreement along with the documentation  
regarding termination of the lease agreement.



1 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

2 (Failure to Accurately Record Transfers of Cannabis and Cannabis Products)

3 29. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under Code section 26030,  
4 subdivisions (a) and (c), and Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 15047.2 and  
5 15049.2, in that Respondent failed to accurately and properly comply with CCTT requirements  
6 and record all commercial cannabis activity in the CCTT system while transferring cannabis and  
7 cannabis products on and/or off of the licensed premises, as more particularly alleged in  
8 paragraphs 21 through 27, above, which are incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set  
9 forth herein.

10 **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

11 (Failure to Perform Track and Trace System Reconciliation)

12 30. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 26030,  
13 subdivisions (a) and (c), 26160, and Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15051,  
14 subdivisions (a)(1) and (b), in that Respondent failed to review the information recorded in the  
15 CCTT system at least once every 30 calendar days, including the reconciliation of on-hand  
16 inventory of cannabis with the CCTT records, and conducting an audit and notifying the  
17 Department in writing if a significant discrepancy is found as more particularly alleged in  
18 paragraphs 21 through 27, above, which are hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if  
19 fully set forth herein.

20 **FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

21 (Failure To Adhere To Business Modification Requirements)

22 31. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 26030,  
23 subdivisions (a) and (c), and 26160, as well as Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations,  
24 section 15023, subdivisions (e) and (h), in that Respondent failed to update the Department of any  
25 changes in its licensed premises, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 21 through 27, above,  
26 which are hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

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**PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Director issue a decision:

1. Revoking or suspending outright, suspending with terms and conditions, or fining, or any combination thereof, the Cannabis - Distributor License Number C11-0001775-LIC issued to Respondent American Origin Company, Inc.;

2. Ordering Respondent American Origin Company, Inc., and Sonny Amin as Owner, to pay the Department the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 26031.1;

3. Ordering the destruction of cannabis and cannabis products in the possession of Respondent American Origin Company, Inc., at Respondent’s expense if revocation of Cannabis – Distributor License Number C11-0001775-LIC is ordered, pursuant to Code of Regulations, title 4, section 15024.1, subdivision (a); and

4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: June 10, 2025

*Evelyn Schaeffer*  
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EVELYN SCHAEFFER  
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Department of Cannabis Control  
State of California  
*Complainant*

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8 **BEFORE THE**  
9 **DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL**  
10 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against: 12 AMERICAN ORIGIN COMPANY, INC.; SONNY AMIN, OWNER. 13 Respondent.	Case No. DCC24-0002631-INV <b>REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY</b>
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15 TO RESPONDENT:

16 Under section 11507.6 of the Government Code of the State of California, parties to an  
17 administrative hearing, including the Complainant, are entitled to certain information concerning  
18 the opposing party's case. A copy of the provisions of section 11507.6 of the Government Code  
19 concerning such rights is included among the papers served.

20 PURSUANT TO SECTION 11507.6 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE, YOU ARE  
21 HEREBY REQUESTED TO:

- 22 1. Provide the names and addresses of witnesses to the extent known to the Respondent,  
23 including, but not limited to, those intended to be called to testify at the hearing, and
- 24 2. Provide an opportunity for the Complainant to inspect and make a copy of any of the  
25 following in the possession or custody or under control of the Respondent:
  - 26 a. A statement of a person, other than the Respondent, named in the  
27 initial administrative pleading, or in any additional pleading, when it is claimed that  
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1 the act or omission of the Respondent as to this person is the basis for the  
2 administrative proceeding;

3 b. A statement pertaining to the subject matter of the proceeding made  
4 by any party to another party or persons;

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6 Respondent and of other persons having personal knowledge of the acts, omissions or  
7 events which are the basis for the proceeding, not included in (a) or (b) above;

8 d. All writings, including but not limited to reports of mental, physical  
9 and blood examinations and things which the Respondent now proposes to offer in  
10 evidence;

11 e. Any other writing or thing which is relevant and which would be  
12 admissible in evidence, including but not limited to, any patient or hospital records  
13 pertaining to the persons named in the pleading;

14 f. Investigative reports made by or on behalf of the Respondent  
15 pertaining to the subject matter of the proceeding, to the extent that these reports (1)  
16 contain the names and addresses of witnesses or of persons having personal  
17 knowledge of the acts, omissions or events which are the basis for the proceeding, or  
18 (2) reflect matters perceived by the investigator in the course of his or her  
19 investigation, or (3) contain or include by attachment any statement or writing  
20 described in (a) to (e), inclusive, or summary thereof.

21 IN ADDITION, if cost recovery is requested in the pleading prayer, provide all writings  
22 which will support any objection which may be made by the Respondent, to Respondent's  
23 payment of investigation and enforcement costs to the Board.

24 For the purpose of this Request for Discovery, "statements" include written statements by  
25 the person, signed, or otherwise authenticated by him or her, stenographic, mechanical, electrical  
26 or other recordings, or transcripts thereof, of oral statements by the person, and written reports or  
27 summaries of these oral statements.  
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1           YOU ARE HEREBY FURTHER NOTIFIED that nothing in this Request for Discovery  
2 should be deemed to authorize the inspection or copying of any writing or thing which is  
3 privileged from disclosure by law or otherwise made confidential or protected as attorney's work  
4 product.

5           Your response to this Request for Discovery should be directed to the undersigned attorney  
6 for the Complainant at the address on the first page of this Request for Discovery within 30 days  
7 after service of the Accusation.

8           Failure without substantial justification to comply with this Request for Discovery may  
9 subject the Respondent to sanctions pursuant to sections 11507.7 and 11455.10 to 11455.30 of the  
10 Government Code.

11           Dated: June 26, 2025

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**SONNY AMIN, OWNER. ,**

Respondent.

Case No. DCC24-0002631-INV

**NOTICE OF DEFENSE**

(Gov. Code §§ 11505 and 11506)

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I further acknowledge that by filing this Notice of Defense, the Respondent is entitled to a hearing on the merits of the Accusation, and that under Government Code section 11506, the Respondent has a right to file a further Notice of Defense within the time specified in that section.

This Notice of Defense is filed on my own behalf as the Respondent or in my capacity as an authorized representative of an entity named as the Respondent in the Accusation.

Date:

Print Your Name:

Your Signature:

Respondent's Mailing Address:

Phone:

E-mail

**Check one box:**

I am represented by counsel, whose name, address and telephone number appear below:

Counsel's Name

Counsel's Mailing Address

Phone:

E-mail:

I am not now represented by counsel. If and when counsel is retained, immediate notification of the attorney's name, address and telephone number will be filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings and a copy sent to the Deputy Attorney General who represents Complainant so that Respondent's counsel will be on record to receive legal notices, pleadings and other papers.

**Check box if applicable:**

- I wish to avoid a hearing if possible and be considered for a stipulated settlement or stipulated surrender of license.

The agency taking the action described in the Accusation may have formulated disciplinary guidelines. You may obtain a copy of the guidelines by requesting them in writing from the agency. A link to the agency's website can be found on-line at <https://cannabis.ca.gov> at [https://www.dca.ca.gov/about\\_us/entities.shtml](https://www.dca.ca.gov/about_us/entities.shtml).

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**COPY OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 11507.5, 11507.6 AND 11507.7  
PROVIDED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 11504 AND 11505**

**SECTION 11507.5: Exclusivity of discovery provisions**

The provisions of Section 11507.6 provide the exclusive right to and method of discovery as to any proceeding governed by this chapter.

**SECTION 11507.6: Request for discovery**

After initiation of a proceeding in which a respondent or other party is entitled to a hearing on the merits, a party, upon written request made to another party, prior to the hearing and within 30 days after service by the agency of the initial pleading or within 15 days after the service of an additional pleading, is entitled to (1) obtain the names and addresses of witnesses to the extent known to the other party, including, but not limited to, those intended to be called to testify at the hearing, and (2) inspect and make a copy of any of the following in the possession or custody or under the control of the other party:

(a) A statement of a person, other than the respondent, named in the initial administrative pleading, or in any additional pleading, when it is claimed that the act or omission of the respondent as to this person is the basis for the administrative proceeding;

(b) A statement pertaining to the subject matter of the proceeding made by any party to another party or person;

(c) Statements of witnesses then proposed to be called by the party and of other persons having personal knowledge of the acts, omissions or events which are the basis for the proceeding, not included in (a) or (b) above;

(d) All writings, including, but not limited to, reports of mental, physical and blood examinations and things which the party then proposes to offer in evidence;

(e) Any other writing or thing which is relevant and which would be admissible in evidence;

(f) Investigative reports made by or on behalf of the agency or other party pertaining to the subject matter of the proceeding, to the extent that these reports (1) contain the names and addresses of witnesses or of persons having personal knowledge of the acts, omissions or events which are the basis for the proceeding, or (2) reflect matters perceived by the investigator in the course of his or her investigation, or (3) contain or include by attachment any statement or writing described in (a) to (e), inclusive, or summary thereof.

For the purpose of this section, "statements" include written statements by the person signed or otherwise authenticated by him or her, stenographic, mechanical, electrical or other recordings, or transcripts thereof, of oral statements by the person, and written reports or summaries of these oral statements.

Nothing in this section shall authorize the inspection or copying of any writing or thing which is privileged from disclosure by law or otherwise made confidential or protected as the attorney's work product.

## **SECTION 11507.7: Petition to compel discovery; Order; Sanctions**

(a) Any party claiming the party's request for discovery pursuant to Section 11507.6 has not been complied with may serve and file with the administrative law judge a motion to compel discovery, naming as respondent the party refusing or failing to comply with Section 11507.6. The motion shall state facts showing the respondent party failed or refused to comply with Section 11507.6, a description of the matters sought to be discovered, the reason or reasons why the matter is discoverable under that section, that a reasonable and good faith attempt to contact the respondent for an informal resolution of the issue has been made, and the ground or grounds of respondent's refusal so far as known to the moving party.

(b) The motion shall be served upon respondent party and filed within 15 days after the respondent party first evidenced failure or refusal to comply with Section 11507.6 or within 30 days after request was made and the party has failed to reply to the request, or within another time provided by stipulation, whichever period is longer.

(c) The hearing on the motion to compel discovery shall be held within 15 days after the motion is made, or a later time that the administrative law judge may on the judge's own motion for good cause determine. The respondent party shall have the right to serve and file a written answer or other response to the motion before or at the time of the hearing.

(d) Where the matter sought to be discovered is under the custody or control of the respondent party and the respondent party asserts that the matter is not a discoverable matter under the provisions of Section 11507.6, or is privileged against disclosure under those provisions, the administrative law judge may order lodged with it matters provided in subdivision (b) of Section 915 of the Evidence Code and examine the matters in accordance with its provisions.

(e) The administrative law judge shall decide the case on the matters examined in camera, the papers filed by the parties, and such oral argument and additional evidence as the administrative law judge may allow.

(f) Unless otherwise stipulated by the parties, the administrative law judge shall no later than 15 days after the hearing make its order denying or granting the motion. The order shall be in writing setting forth the matters the moving party is entitled to discover under Section 11507.6. A copy of the order shall forthwith be served by mail by the administrative law judge upon the parties. Where the order grants the motion in whole or in part, the order shall not become effective until 10 days after the date the order is served. Where the order denies relief to the moving party, the order shall be effective on the date it is served.

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**DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL**

(Separate Mailings)

Case Name: **In the Matter of the Accusation against American Original Company, Inc**

Case No.: **DCC24-0002631-INV**

I declare:

I am employed in the Office of the Attorney General, which is the office of a member of the California State Bar at which member's direction this service is made. I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to this matter. I am familiar with the business practice at the Office of the Attorney General for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service. In accordance with that practice, correspondence placed in the internal mail collection system at the Office of the Attorney General is deposited with the United States Postal Service with postage thereon fully prepaid that same day in the ordinary course of business.

On June 26, 2025, I served the attached **STATEMENT TO RESPONDENT; ACCUSATION; REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY; NOTICE OF DEFENSE (2 Copies); and GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 11507.5, 11507.6, 11507.7** by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope as certified mail with return receipt requested, and another true copy of the **STATEMENT TO RESPONDENT; ACCUSATION; REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY; NOTICE OF DEFENSE (2 Copies); and GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 11507.5, 11507.6, 11507.7** was enclosed in a second sealed envelope as first class mail in the internal mail collection system at the Office of the Attorney General at 600 West Broadway, Suite 1800, San Diego, CA 92101, addressed as follows:

Sonny Amin  
American Origin Company, Inc.  
1320 9th Street  
Berkeley, CA 94710  
*Courtesy email to: [s.amin944@gmail.com](mailto:s.amin944@gmail.com)*  
*Respondent*

**Certified Article Number**

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**SENDER'S RECORD**

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and the United States of America the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on June 26, 2025, at San Diego, California.

A. Curiel

Declarant

*A. Curiel*

Signature

## Exhibit 2

First Amended Accusation No. DCC24-0002631-INV  
Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense (two blank copies),  
Request for Discovery, discovery statutes (Government Code  
sections 11507.5, 11507.6 and 11507.7), Proof(s) of Service

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10 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In the Matter of the First Amended Accusation  
Against:

12 **AMERICAN ORIGIN COMPANY, INC.;**  
13 **SONNY AMIN, DRP/OWNER.**

14 Respondent.

Case No. DCC24-0002631-INV

**STATEMENT TO RESPONDENT**

[Gov. Code §§ 11504, 11505(b)]

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16 TO RESPONDENT:

17 Enclosed is a copy of the First Amended Accusation that has been filed with the  
18 Department of Cannabis Control (Department), and which is hereby served on you.

19 Unless a written request for a hearing signed by you or on your behalf is delivered or  
20 mailed to the Department, represented by Supervising Deputy Attorney General Gregory M.  
21 Cribbs, within fifteen (15) days after a copy of the First Amended Accusation was personally  
22 served on you or mailed to you, you will be deemed to have waived your right to a hearing in this  
23 matter and the Department may proceed upon the Accusation without a hearing and may take  
24 action thereon as provided by law.

25 The request for hearing may be made by delivering or mailing one of the enclosed forms  
26 entitled "Notice of Defense," or by delivering or mailing a Notice of Defense as provided in  
27 section 11506 of the Government Code, to  
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1                   **Gregory M. Cribbs**  
2                   **Supervising Deputy Attorney General**  
3                   **300 S. Spring Street, Suite 1702**  
4                   **San Diego, CA 92101**

5                   You may, but need not, be represented by counsel at any or all stages of these proceedings.

6                   The enclosed Notice of Defense, if signed and filed with the Department, shall be deemed a  
7 specific denial of all parts of the First Amended Accusation, but you will not be permitted to raise  
8 any objection to the form of the First Amended Accusation unless you file a further Notice of  
9 Defense as provided in section 11506 of the Government Code within fifteen (15) days after  
10 service of the First Amended Accusation on you.

11                   If you file any Notice of Defense within the time permitted, a hearing will be held on the  
12 charges made in the First Amended Accusation.

13                   The hearing may be postponed for good cause. If you have good cause, you are obliged to  
14 notify the Office of Administrative Hearings, Special Education Division, 1515 Clay Street, Suite  
15 206, Oakland, CA 94612, within ten (10) working days after you discover the good cause.  
16 Failure to notify the Office of Administrative Hearings within ten (10) days will deprive you of a  
17 postponement.

18                   Copies of sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7 of the Government Code are enclosed.

19                   If you desire the names and addresses of witnesses or an opportunity to inspect and copy  
20 the items mentioned in section 11507.6 of the Government Code in the possession, custody or  
21 control of the Department you may send a Request for Discovery to the above designated  
22 Supervising Deputy Attorney General.

23                   **NOTICE REGARDING STIPULATED SETTLEMENTS**

24                   It may be possible to avoid the time, expense and uncertainties involved in an  
25 administrative hearing by disposing of this matter through a stipulated settlement. A stipulated  
26 settlement is a binding written agreement between you and the government regarding the matters  
27 charged and the discipline to be imposed. Such a stipulation would have to be approved by the  
28 Department of Cannabis Control but, once approved, it would be incorporated into a final order.

1 Any stipulation must be consistent with the Department's established disciplinary  
2 guidelines; however, all matters in mitigation or aggravation will be considered. A copy of the  
3 Department's Disciplinary Guidelines will be provided to you on your written request to the state  
4 agency bringing this action.

5 If you are interested in pursuing this alternative to a formal administrative hearing, or if you  
6 have any questions, you or your attorney should contact Supervising Deputy Attorney General  
7 Gregory M. Cribbs at the earliest opportunity.

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9 Dated: March 16, 2026

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Senior Assistant Attorney General

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Case No. DCC24-0002631-INV

13 **AMERICAN ORIGIN COMPANY, INC.;**  
14 **SONNY AMIN, DESIGNATED**  
**RESPONSIBLE PARTY/OWNER**  
15 **1320 9th Street**  
**Berkeley, CA 94710**

**FIRST AMENDED ACCUSATION**

16 **Cannabis - Distributor License**  
17 **No. C11-0001775-LIC**

18 Respondent.

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20 **PARTIES**

21 1. Evelyn Schaeffer (Complainant) brings this First Amended Accusation solely in her  
22 official capacity as the Deputy Director of the Compliance Division of the Department of  
23 Cannabis Control (Department).

24 2. On or about December 23, 2022, the Department issued Cannabis - Distributor  
25 License Number C11-0001775-LIC to American Origin Company, Inc. (Respondent) with Sonny  
26 Amin as Designated Responsible Party and Owner (DRP/Owner Amin). The Cannabis -  
27 Distributor License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein  
28 and will expire on December 23, 2026, unless renewed.

1 **PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

2 3. On or about June 26, 2025, the Department served Accusation DCC24-0002631-INV,  
3 and accompanying documents, upon Respondent. On or about July 9, 2025, Respondent timely  
4 submitted its Notice of Defense and requested an administrative hearing on the merits. The  
5 matter is currently set for an administrative hearing to commence on May 13, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.,  
6 and to continue through May 14, 2026.

7 4. On March 6, 2026, the Department issued, and served, an Emergency Decision and  
8 Order (EDO), pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 17815, on Respondent.  
9 The EDO was effective the same day at 5:00 p.m. The EDO suspended Respondent’s distributor  
10 license and ordered Respondent to cease all commercial cannabis activity. The time to initiate  
11 adjudicative proceedings is within 10 days after the issuance or effective date of the EDO, or in  
12 this case by or on March 16, 2026.

13 **JURISDICTION**

14 5. This First Amended Accusation is brought before the Director (Director) for the  
15 Department, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business  
16 and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.

17 6. Section 26010 of the Code states:

18 There is in the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency, the  
19 Department of Cannabis Control under the supervision and control of a director. The  
20 director shall administer and enforce the provisions of this division related to the  
department.

21 7. Section 26010.5, subdivision (d), of the Code states:

22 The department has the power, duty, purpose, responsibility, and jurisdiction to  
23 regulate commercial cannabis activity as provided in this division....

24 8. Section 26011.5 of the Code states:

25 The protection of the public shall be the highest priority for all licensing authorities in  
26 exercising licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions under this division.  
27 Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be  
promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

1 9. Section 26012, subdivision (a), of the Code states:

2 It being a matter of statewide concern, except as otherwise authorized in this  
3 division, the department shall have the sole authority to create, issue, deny, renew,  
discipline, condition, suspend, or revoke licenses for commercial cannabis activity....

4 10. Section 26013, subdivision (a), of the Code states:

5 The department shall make and prescribe reasonable rules and regulations as  
6 may be necessary to implement, administer, and enforce its duties under this division  
7 in accordance with Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of  
Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code....

8 11. Section 26015, subdivision (a), of the Code states:

9 (a) The department may make or cause to be made such investigation as it  
10 deems necessary to carry out its duties under this division.

11 12. Section 26031 of the Code states, in part:

12 (a) The department may suspend, revoke, place on probation with terms and  
13 conditions, or otherwise discipline licenses issued by the department and fine a  
licensee, after proper notice and hearing to the licensee, except as provided in Section  
14 26031.01, if the licensee is found to have committed any of the acts or omissions  
constituting grounds for disciplinary action. The disciplinary proceedings under this  
15 chapter shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing with Section  
11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, and the director  
16 shall have all the powers granted therein.

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18 (c) The department may take disciplinary action against a licensee for any  
19 violation of this division when the violation was committed by the licensee's officers,  
directors, owners, agents, or employees while acting on behalf of the licensee or  
engaged in commercial cannabis activity....

20 13. Section 26034 of the Code states:

21 All accusations against licensees shall be filed by the department within five  
22 years after the performance of the act or omission alleged as the ground for  
disciplinary action; provided, however, that the foregoing provision shall not  
23 constitute a defense to an accusation alleging fraud or misrepresentation as a ground  
for disciplinary action. The cause for disciplinary action in that case shall not be  
24 deemed to have accrued until discovery, by the department, of the facts constituting  
the fraud or misrepresentation, and, in that case, the accusation shall be filed within  
25 five years after that discovery.

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**STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

14. Section 26030 of the Code, in part, states:

Grounds for disciplinary action include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

(a) Failure to comply with the provisions of this division or any rule or regulation adopted pursuant to this division.

...

(c) Any other grounds contained in regulations adopted by a licensing authority pursuant to this division....

15. Section 26039.3 of the Code, in part, states:

(a) If the department finds or has probable cause to believe that cannabis or cannabis product is adulterated or misbranded within the meaning of this division, or the sale of the cannabis or cannabis product would be in violation of this division, the department shall affix to the cannabis or cannabis product, or component thereof, a tag or other appropriate marking. . .

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16. Section 26039.6 of the Code, in part, states:

(a) Cannabis or a cannabis product is adulterated if it is any of the following:

(3) It bears or contains any poisonous or deleterious substance that may render it injurious to users under the conditions of use suggested in the labeling or under conditions that are customary or usual.

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(d) It is unlawful to receive in commerce cannabis or a cannabis product that is adulterated or to distribute, deliver, or proffer for delivery any such cannabis or cannabis product.

17. Section 26160 of the Code states:

Commercial cannabis activity; duty to maintain records; inspection; violation; penalty.

(a) A licensee shall keep accurate records of commercial cannabis activity.

(b) All records related to commercial cannabis activity as defined by the department shall be maintained for a minimum of seven years.

(c) The department may examine the records of a licensee and inspect the premises of a licensee as the department, or a state or local agency, deems necessary to perform its duties under this division. All inspections and examinations of records shall be conducted during standard business hours of the licensed facility or at any other reasonable time. Licensees shall provide and deliver records to the department upon request.

(d) Licensees shall keep records identified by the department on the premises of the location licensed. The department may make any examination of the records of any

1 licensee. Licensees shall also provide and deliver copies of documents to  
2 the department upon request.

3 (e) A licensee, or its agent or employee, that refuses, impedes, obstructs, or interferes  
4 with an inspection of the premises or records of the licensee pursuant to this section,  
has engaged in a violation of this division.

5 (f) If a licensee, or an agent or employee of a licensee, fails to maintain or provide the  
6 records required pursuant to this section, the licensee shall be subject to a citation and  
fine of up to thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) per individual violation.

7 **REGULATORY PROVISIONS**

8 18. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15000.1, in part, states:

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10 (c) The licensee shall only conduct commercial cannabis activities authorized by the  
11 license and on the premises licensed for activity.

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13 19. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15000.3, in part, states:

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15 (d) Licensees shall ensure that the Department has immediate access to their licensed  
16 premises. If the Department is denied access to a licensee's premises for any reason, the  
17 licensee shall be held responsible and subject to discipline. If the Department is denied  
access to one licensee's premises because of another licensee's refusal to grant access when  
the only access to one licensed premises is through another licensed premises, all licensees  
shall be held responsible and subject to discipline.

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19 20. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15000.7, in part, states:

20 (a) All cannabis and cannabis products must be stored within the licensed premises.

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22 21. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15023 states:

23 Business modifications shall be made in accordance with the following:

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25 (c) Licenses are not transferrable or assignable to another person or owner. In the  
26 event of the sale or other transfer of the business or operations covered by the licensee,  
changes in ownership shall be made in accordance with the following:

27 (1) If one or more of the owners change, the new owners shall submit the  
28 information required under section 15002(c)(16) for each new owner to the Department  
within 14 calendar days of the effective date of the ownership change. The business may

1 continue to operate under the active license while the Department reviews the  
2 qualifications of the new owner(s) in accordance with the Act and these regulations to  
3 determine whether the change would constitute grounds for denial of the license, if at least  
4 one existing owner is not transferring their ownership interest and will remain as an owner  
5 under the new ownership structure. If all owners will be transferring their ownership  
6 interest, the business shall not operate under the new ownership structure until a new  
7 license application has been submitted to and approved by the Department, and all  
8 application and license fees for the new application have been paid. The former owner's  
9 inventory shall be transferred to the new owner's track and trace account upon issuance of  
10 the license.

11 (A) A change in ownership occurs when a new person meets the definition of owner  
12 in section 15003.

13 . . .

14 (e) When any of the following changes occur, the licensee shall notify the  
15 Department within 14 calendar days of the change:

16 (1) Any change to contact information from the information provided to the  
17 Department in the original application.

18 . . .

19 (h) Except as permitted under Business and Professions Code section 26050.2 (h),  
20 licensees may not be transferred from one premises to another. Licensees shall not operate  
21 out of a new premises until they have been issued a new license.

22 (i) For any business modification or notification under this section, licensees shall use  
23 and submit to the Department the Licensee Notification and Request Form, Notifications  
24 and Requests to Modify a License, DCC-LIC-027 (Amended 2/22), which is incorporated  
25 herein by reference, unless the change relates to contact information and can be made  
26 through the Department's online system....

27 22. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15047.2 states:

28 (a) A licensee shall create and maintain an account within the track and trace system  
prior to engaging in any commercial cannabis activity.

(b) All commercial cannabis activity shall be accurately recorded in the track and  
trace system.

(c) A licensee is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of all data and  
information entered into the track and trace system. The licensee is responsible for all  
actions taken by the designated account manager or other account users while performing  
track and trace activities.

(d) A person shall not intentionally misrepresent or falsify information entered into  
the track and trace system.

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1 23. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15049.2 states:

2 (a) A licensee shall prepare a shipping manifest through the track and trace system  
3 prior to transferring cannabis and cannabis products off of a licensed premises. The  
4 following information shall be recorded on the shipping manifest by the licensee initiating  
5 the transfer:

6 (1) The name, license number, and premises address of the originating licensee;

7 (2) The name and license number of the distributor transporting the cannabis and  
8 cannabis products;

9 (3) The name, license number, and premises address of the licensee receiving the  
10 cannabis or cannabis products into inventory of storage;

11 (4) The UID numbers for all items being transferred;

12 (5) The item name, item category and weight or count of cannabis or cannabis  
13 products associated with each package tag;

14 (6) The estimated date and time of departure from the licensed premises;

15 (7) The estimated date and time of arrival at each licensed premises; and

16 (8) The driver's license number of the personnel transporting the cannabis and  
17 cannabis products, and the make, model, and license plate number of the vehicle used for  
18 transport.

19 (b) The distributor who transports the cannabis or cannabis product shall record the  
20 following additional information of the shipping manifest:

21 (1) The actual date and time of departure from the licensed premises; and

22 (2) The actual date and time of arrival at each licensed premises.

23 (c) Upon pick-up or receipt of cannabis and cannabis products for transport, storage,  
24 or inventory, a licensee shall ensure that the cannabis or cannabis products received are as  
25 described in the shipping manifest. The licensee shall record acceptance or receipt, and  
26 acknowledgment of the cannabis or cannabis products in the track and trace system.

27 (d) If there are any discrepancies between type or quantity of cannabis or cannabis  
28 products specified in the shipping manifest and the type or quantity received by the  
licensee, the licensee shall reject the shipment.

24. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15051 states:

(a) The license shall review the information recorded in the track and trace system at  
least once every 30 calendar days to ensure its accuracy, including, at a minimum:

(1) Reconciling on-hand inventory of cannabis and cannabis product with the  
records in the track and trace system;

(2) Reviewing the licensee's authorized users and removing any users who are no

1 longer authorized to enter information into the track and trace system.

2 (b) If a licensee finds a discrepancy between the on-hand inventory and the track and  
3 trace system, the licensee shall conduct an audit and notify the Department in writing if  
4 the discrepancy is significant as defined in section 15034.

5 25. Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 17800 states:

6 (a) The Department and its authorized representatives, for purposes of inspection,  
7 investigation, review, or audit, shall have full and immediate access to:

8 (1) Enter any premises licensed by the Department.

9 (2) Inspect and test any vehicle or equipment possessed by, in control of, or used by  
10 a licensee or their agents and employees for the purpose of conducting commercial  
11 cannabis activity.

12 (3) Test any cannabis goods or cannabis-related materials or products possessed by,  
13 in control of, or used by a licensee or their agents and employees for the purpose of  
14 conducting commercial cannabis activity.

15 (4) Copy any materials, books, or records of any licensee or their agents and  
16 employees.

17 (b) Failure to cooperate with and participate in any Department investigation  
18 pending against the licensee may result in a licensing violation subject to discipline. This  
19 subsection shall not be construed to deprive a licensee of any privilege guaranteed by the  
20 Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, or any other constitutional or  
21 statutory privileges. This subsection shall not be construed to require a licensee to  
22 cooperate with a request that would require the licensee to waive any constitutional or  
23 statutory privilege or to comply with a request for information or other matters within an  
24 unreasonable period of time in light of the time constraints of the licensee's business. Any  
25 constitutional or statutory privilege exercised by the licensee shall not be used against the  
26 licensee in a regulatory or disciplinary proceeding against the licensee.

27 (c) Prior notice of an inspection, investigation, review, or audit is not required.

28 (d) Any inspection, investigation, review, or audit of a licensed premises shall be  
conducted anytime the licensee is exercising privileges under the license, or as otherwise  
agreed to by the Department and the licensee or its agents, employees, or representatives.

(e) If the licensed premises is not accessible because access is only available by going  
through another licensed premises and the licensee occupying the other licensed premises  
denies the Department access, the licensees shall both be held responsible and subject to  
discipline.

### **COST RECOVERY**

26. Section 26031.1 of the Code states that:

(a) Except as otherwise provided by law, in an order issued in resolution of a  
disciplinary proceeding before the department, the administrative law judge, upon  
request, may direct a licensee found to have committed a violation to pay a sum not to  
exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

1 (b) A certified copy of the actual costs, or a good faith estimate of costs where  
2 actual costs are not available, signed by the department or its designated  
3 representative shall be prima facie evidence of reasonable costs of investigation and  
4 prosecution of the case. The costs shall include the amount of investigative and  
5 enforcement costs up to the date of the hearing, including, but not limited to, charges  
6 imposed by the Attorney General.

7 (c) The administrative law judge shall make a proposed finding of the amount  
8 of reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution of the case when requested  
9 pursuant to subdivision (a). The finding of the administrative law judge with regard to  
10 costs shall not be reviewable by the department to increase the cost award. The  
11 department may reduce or eliminate the cost award, or remand to the administrative  
12 law judge if the proposed decision fails to make a finding on costs requested pursuant  
13 to subdivision (a).

14 (d) If an order for recovery of costs is made and timely payment is not made as  
15 directed in the department's decision, the department may enforce the order for  
16 repayment in any appropriate court. This right of enforcement shall be in addition to  
17 any other rights the department may have as to any licensee to pay costs.

18 (e) In any action for recovery of costs, proof of the department's decision shall  
19 be conclusive proof of the validity of the order of payment and the terms for payment.

20 (f)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the department shall not renew or  
21 reinstate the license of any licensee who has failed to pay all of the costs ordered  
22 under this section.

23 (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the department may, in its discretion,  
24 conditionally renew or reinstate for a maximum of one year the license of any  
25 licensee who demonstrates financial hardship and who enters into a formal agreement  
26 with the department to reimburse the department within that one-year period for the  
27 unpaid costs.

28 (g) All costs recovered under this section shall be considered a reimbursement  
for costs incurred and shall be deposited into the Cannabis Control Fund to be  
available upon appropriation by the Legislature.

(h) Nothing in this section shall preclude the department from including the  
recovery of the costs of investigation and enforcement of a case in any stipulated  
settlement.

### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

24 27. On November 14, 2024, Department staff attempted to conduct a regulatory  
25 compliance inspection at Respondent's premises located at 1320 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Berkeley, California  
26 94710 (licensed premises). However, Department staff were unable to gain access to  
27 Respondent's licensed premises. Consequently, Department staff searched Respondent's contact  
28 information in the Department's licensing database and telephonically contacted the DRP/Owner

1 Amin.

2 28. During the telephone call, Department staff asked for access to inspect  
3 Respondent's licensed premises, but DRP/Owner Amin told Department staff that Respondent  
4 was no longer operating from the licensed premises because the property owner had terminated  
5 Respondent's lease sometime around September 2024. DRP/Owner Amin further told  
6 Department staff that there were no cannabis or cannabis products located at Respondent's  
7 licensed premises.

8 29. Department staff then further searched the Department's licensing database and  
9 confirmed that Respondent had not notified the Department of the terminated lease or that it had  
10 ceased to operate at the licensed premises. Accordingly, Department staff requested DRP/Owner  
11 Amin provide a copy of the lease agreement as well as documentation of the termination of the  
12 lease agreement. In response, DRP/Owner Amin indicated that he would provide the requested  
13 lease agreement and termination of lease agreement. Department staff later sent DRP/Owner  
14 Amin a follow up email summarizing the November 14, 2024, phone call discussion and  
15 reaffirming the instructions to provide the Department the requested lease documents.

16 30. On November 21, 2024, Department staff sent a text message to DRP/Owner Amin  
17 again requesting he provide Respondent's lease agreement along with the documentation regarding  
18 termination of the lease agreement.

19 31. Department staff subsequently searched the California Cannabis Track and Trace  
20 (CCTT) database and discovered that Respondent's CCTT account showed that there was active  
21 cannabis inventory present at the licensed premises and it appeared that Respondent was still  
22 accepting cannabis, and cannabis products, despite DRP/Owner Amin's previous statements that  
23 the lease for the licensed premises had been terminated and Respondent was no longer operating  
24 at the licensed premises.

25 32. As of December 18, 2024, DRP/Owner Amin had not responded to the email or  
26 text message communication made by Department staff, nor had DRP/Owner Amin provided  
27 Respondent's lease agreement with the alleged termination of lease agreement the Department. At  
28 that time, Department staff again searched Respondent's CCTT account and learned that

1 Respondent had continued to receive cannabis, and cannabis products, between November 18,  
2 2024, and December 18, 2024.

3 33. On January 21, 2025, Department staff conducted another search of Respondent's  
4 CCTT account and discovered 1,953 cannabis package adjustments from September 1, 2024,  
5 through January 21, 2025. Additionally, there were 386 incoming transfers, including three  
6 outgoing transfers, and two active packages. These movements of cannabis, and cannabis  
7 products, indicate that Respondent is continuing to operate despite DRP/Owner Amin's  
8 representation to the Department that Respondent was no longer operating from its licensed  
9 premises.

#### 10 Events Leading to the Issuance of the EDO

11 34. On January 28, 2026, Department staff performed a review of Respondent's CCTT  
12 account and discovered on January 14, 2026, Respondent served as the outbound transporter for  
13 cannabis flower suspected of being adulterated with the Category I residual pesticide Dichlorvos.  
14 The destination listed on the transfer manifest ending in 359 (Manifest 359) was Respondent's  
15 licensed premises located at 1320 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Berkeley, California 94710.

16 35. On January 29, 2026, Department staff attempted to conduct a regulatory  
17 compliance inspection at Respondent's licensed premises for the purpose of embargoing the  
18 adulterated cannabis and perform sample collection for further regulatory testing.

19 36. Upon arrival, Department staff observed a real estate sign posted on the front of  
20 the building identifying the property as "available." Department staff contacted the real estate  
21 agent who told Department staff that the building had been vacant for "a significant period of  
22 time." The real estate agent told Department staff that he would have the property owner contact  
23 them to confirm the vacant status. Department staff then knocked on the front door, and rang the  
24 doorbell, but nobody answered. Department staff were unable to initiate an embargo of the  
25 adulterated cannabis associated with Manifest 359 and/or perform sample collection for testing.

26 37. Department staff contacted DRP/Owner Amin, by telephone. During the call,  
27 DRP/Owner Amin told Department staff that he had sold his cannabis business approximately  
28 one year ago to a person identified as "E.P.," who is listed in the Respondent's CCTT account as

1 an employee. Department staff informed DRP/Owner Amin that the Department’s licensing  
2 records list him as the Designated Responsible Party and that his request for an ownership  
3 change/transfer had been denied by the Department. Department staff then requested contact  
4 information for E.P., but DRP/Owner Amin was unable to provide that information.

5 38. On January 30, 2026, Department staff received a phone call from an individual  
6 who identified himself as “R.C.,” and stated that he was a representative of the current property  
7 owner. R.C. confirmed that the property had been vacant for approximately one year. He stated  
8 that the previous occupant had purchased the building, but subsequently defaulted on the loan,  
9 resulting in the former property owner reacquiring the building. R.C. provided Department staff  
10 with a copy of the Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure, dated December 30, 2024.

11 39. On January 30, 2026, Department staff reviewed Respondent’s CCTT account,  
12 which showed Respondent had reported receiving twenty-four (24) transfers with 175 package  
13 unique identifier (UIDs) tags within those transfers.

14 40. On March 4, 2026, Department staff again reviewed Respondent’s CCTT account  
15 for the dates March 1, 2026, through March 4, 2026, and saw that Respondent reported receiving  
16 thirty-three (33) manifest transfers, which included one-hundred thirty-two (132) cannabis  
17 package within those transfers.

18 41. On March 5, 2026, Department staff conducted another search of Respondent’s  
19 CCTT account and discovered sixty-three (63) package adjustments of cannabis or cannabis  
20 products, from January 1, 2025, through March 5, 2026. Additionally, there were seven-hundred  
21 ninety-two (792) incoming transfers, and one (1) outgoing transfer. These movements of  
22 cannabis, and cannabis products, indicate that Respondent is continuing to operate despite  
23 DRP/Owner Amin’s representation to the Department that Respondent was no longer operating  
24 from its licensed premises.

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1 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

2 (Access to Licensed Premises)

3 42. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 26030, subdivisions  
4 (a) and (c), in that it failed to comply with Code section 26160, subdivision (e), and Title 4 of the  
5 California Code of Regulations, sections 15000.3, subdivision (d), and 17800, subdivisions (a)-  
6 (b), requiring a licensee to comply with the Department's request for inspection of its licensed  
7 premises as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 27 through 41, above, which are hereby  
8 incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

9 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

10 (Accurately Record Transfers of Cannabis and Cannabis Products)

11 43. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under Code section 26030,  
12 subdivisions (a) and (c), and Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 15047.2 and  
13 15049.2, in that Respondent failed to accurately and properly comply with CCTT requirements  
14 and record all commercial cannabis activity in the CCTT system while transferring cannabis and  
15 cannabis products on and/or off of the licensed premises, as more particularly alleged in  
16 paragraphs 27 through 41, above, which are incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set  
17 forth herein.

18 **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

19 (Track and Trace System Reconciliation)

20 44. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 26030,  
21 subdivisions (a) and (c), 26160, and Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15051,  
22 subdivisions (a)(1) and (b), in that Respondent failed to review the information recorded in the  
23 CCTT system at least once every 30 calendar days, including the reconciliation of on-hand  
24 inventory of cannabis with the CCTT records, and conducting an audit and notifying the  
25 Department in writing if a significant discrepancy is found as more particularly alleged in  
26 paragraphs 27 through 41, above, which are hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if  
27 fully set forth herein.  
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1 **FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

2 (Business Modification Requirements)

3 45. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 26030,  
4 subdivisions (a) and (c), and 26160, as well as Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations,  
5 section 15023, subdivisions (e) and (h), in that Respondent failed to update the Department of any  
6 changes in its licensed premises, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 27 through 41, above,  
7 which are hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

8 **FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

9 (Information Recorded in CCTT)

10 46. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under Code section 26030,  
11 subdivisions (a) and (c), and Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15047.2,  
12 subdivision (d), in that Respondent intentionally misrepresented or falsified commercial cannabis  
13 activity in its CCTT account, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 34 through 41, above,  
14 which are hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

15 **SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

16 (Conducting Cannabis Activity and Storage of Inventory Within the Licensed Premises)

17 47. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under Code section 26030,  
18 subdivisions (a) and (c), and California Code of Regulations, title 4, sections 15000.1 subdivision  
19 (c), and 15000.7, subdivision (a), in that Respondent conducted commercial cannabis activities  
20 beyond the premises licensed for the activity and failed to store all cannabis and cannabis  
21 products solely within the licensed premises, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 34  
22 through 41, above, which are hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth  
23 herein.

24 **SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

25 (Adulterated Cannabis Products)

26 48. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 26039.3,  
27 subdivision (a), and 26039.6, (a)(3) and (d), prohibiting a licensee from receiving, distributing,  
28 delivering, or proffering for delivery adulterated cannabis or cannabis products, as more

1 particularly alleged in paragraphs 34 through 41, above, which are hereby incorporated by  
2 reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

3 **PRAYER**

4 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,  
5 and that following the hearing, the Director issue a decision:

6 1. Revoking or suspending outright, suspending with terms and conditions, or fining, or  
7 any combination thereof, the Cannabis - Distributor License Number C11-0001775-LIC issued to  
8 Respondent American Origin Company, Inc.;

9 2. Ordering Respondent American Origin Company, Inc., and Sonny Amin as  
10 Designated Responsible Party and Owner, to pay the Department the reasonable costs of the  
11 investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section  
12 26031.1;

13 3. Ordering the destruction of cannabis and cannabis products in the possession of  
14 Respondent American Origin Company, Inc., and Sonny Amin as Designated Responsible Party  
15 and Owner, at Respondent's expense if revocation of Cannabis – Distributor License Number  
16 C11-0001775-LIC is ordered, pursuant to Code of Regulations, title 4, section 15024.1,  
17 subdivision (a); and

18 4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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20 DATED: March 13, 2026

*Evelyn Schaeffer*  
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8 **BEFORE THE**  
9 **DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL**  
10 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In the Matter of the First Amended Accusation  
Against:

Case No. DCC24-0002631-INV

12 **AMERICAN ORIGIN COMPANY, INC.;**  
13 **SONNY AMIN, DRP/OWNER.**

**REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY**

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15 Respondent.  
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17 TO RESPONDENT:

18 Under section 11507.6 of the Government Code of the State of California, parties to an  
19 administrative hearing, including the Complainant, are entitled to certain information concerning  
20 the opposing party's case. A copy of the provisions of section 11507.6 of the Government Code  
21 concerning such rights is included among the papers served.

22 PURSUANT TO SECTION 11507.6 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE, YOU ARE  
23 HEREBY REQUESTED TO:

- 24 1. Provide the names and addresses of witnesses to the extent known to the Respondent,  
25 including, but not limited to, those intended to be called to testify at the hearing, and  
26 2. Provide an opportunity for the Complainant to inspect and make a copy of any of the  
27 following in the possession or custody or under control of the Respondent:  
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1 a. A statement of a person, other than the Respondent, named in the  
2 initial administrative pleading, or in any additional pleading, when it is claimed that  
3 the act or omission of the Respondent as to this person is the basis for the  
4 administrative proceeding;

5 b. A statement pertaining to the subject matter of the proceeding made  
6 by any party to another party or persons;

7 c. Statements of witnesses then proposed to be called by the  
8 Respondent and of other persons having personal knowledge of the acts, omissions or  
9 events which are the basis for the proceeding, not included in (a) or (b) above;

10 d. Any other writing or thing which is relevant and which would be  
11 admissible in evidence;

12 e. Investigative reports made by or on behalf of the Respondent  
13 pertaining to the subject matter of the proceeding, to the extent that these reports (1)  
14 contain the names and addresses of witnesses or of persons having personal  
15 knowledge of the acts, omissions or events which are the basis for the proceeding, or  
16 (2) reflect matters perceived by the investigator in the course of his or her  
17 investigation, or (3) contain or include by attachment any statement or writing  
18 described in (a) to (e), inclusive, or summary thereof.

19 IN ADDITION, if cost recovery is requested in the pleading prayer, provide all writings  
20 which will support any objection which may be made by the Respondent, to Respondent's  
21 payment of investigation and enforcement costs to the Board.

22 For the purpose of this Request for Discovery, "statements" include written statements by  
23 the person, signed, or otherwise authenticated by him or her, stenographic, mechanical, electrical  
24 or other recordings, or transcripts thereof, of oral statements by the person, and written reports or  
25 summaries of these oral statements.

26 YOU ARE HEREBY FURTHER NOTIFIED that nothing in this Request for Discovery  
27 should be deemed to authorize the inspection or copying of any writing or thing which is  
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1 privileged from disclosure by law or otherwise made confidential or protected as attorney's work  
2 product.

3 Your response to this Request for Discovery should be directed to the undersigned attorney  
4 for the Complainant at the address on the first page of this Request for Discovery within 30 days  
5 after service of the Accusation.

6 Failure without substantial justification to comply with this Request for Discovery may  
7 subject the Respondent to sanctions pursuant to sections 11507.7 and 11455.10 to 11455.30 of the  
8 Government Code.

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10 Dated: March 16, 2026

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**NOTICE OF DEFENSE**

(Gov. Code §§ 11505 and 11506)

I hereby acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Accusation in the above-entitled proceeding, as well as the Statement to Respondent, Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6 and 11507.7, Complainant's Request for Discovery, and two copies of a Notice of Defense.

I further acknowledge that by filing this Notice of Defense, the Respondent is entitled to a hearing on the merits of the Accusation, and that under Government Code section 11506, the Respondent has a right to file a further Notice of Defense within the time specified in that section.

This Notice of Defense is filed on my own behalf as the Respondent or in my capacity as an authorized representative of an entity named as the Respondent in the Accusation.

Date:

Print Your Name:

Your Signature:

Respondent's Mailing Address:

Phone:

E-mail

**Check one box:**

I am represented by counsel, whose name, address and telephone number appear below:

Counsel's Name

Counsel's Mailing Address

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E-mail:

I am not now represented by counsel. If and when counsel is retained, immediate notification of the attorney's name, address and telephone number will be filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings and a copy sent to the Deputy Attorney General who represents Complainant so that Respondent's counsel will be on record to receive legal

notices, pleadings and other papers.

**Check box if applicable:**

- I wish to avoid a hearing if possible and be considered for a stipulated settlement or stipulated surrender of license.

The agency taking the action described in the Accusation may have formulated disciplinary guidelines. You may obtain a copy of the guidelines by requesting them in writing from the agency. A link to the agency's website can be found on-line at <https://cannabis.ca.gov> at [https://www.dca.ca.gov/about\\_us/entities.shtml](https://www.dca.ca.gov/about_us/entities.shtml).

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Case No. DCC24-0002631-INV

**NOTICE OF DEFENSE**

(Gov. Code §§ 11505 and 11506)

I hereby acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Accusation in the above-entitled proceeding, as well as the Statement to Respondent, Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6 and 11507.7, Complainant's Request for Discovery, and two copies of a Notice of Defense.

I further acknowledge that by filing this Notice of Defense, the Respondent is entitled to a hearing on the merits of the Accusation, and that under Government Code section 11506, the Respondent has a right to file a further Notice of Defense within the time specified in that section.

This Notice of Defense is filed on my own behalf as the Respondent or in my capacity as an authorized representative of an entity named as the Respondent in the Accusation.

Date:

Print Your Name:

Your Signature:

Respondent's Mailing Address:

Phone:

E-mail

**Check one box:**

I am represented by counsel, whose name, address and telephone number appear below:

Counsel's Name

Counsel's Mailing Address

Phone:

E-mail:

I am not now represented by counsel. If and when counsel is retained, immediate notification of the attorney's name, address and telephone number will be filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings and a copy sent to the Deputy Attorney General who represents Complainant so that Respondent's counsel will be on record to receive legal notices, pleadings and other papers.

**Check box if applicable:**

- I wish to avoid a hearing if possible and be considered for a stipulated settlement or stipulated surrender of license.

The agency taking the action described in the Accusation may have formulated disciplinary guidelines. You may obtain a copy of the guidelines by requesting them in writing from the agency. A link to the agency's website can be found on-line at <https://cannabis.ca.gov> at [https://www.dca.ca.gov/about\\_us/entities.shtml](https://www.dca.ca.gov/about_us/entities.shtml).

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**COPY OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 11507.5, 11507.6 AND 11507.7  
PROVIDED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 11504 AND 11505**

**SECTION 11507.5: Exclusivity of discovery provisions**

The provisions of Section 11507.6 provide the exclusive right to and method of discovery as to any proceeding governed by this chapter.

**SECTION 11507.6: Request for discovery**

After initiation of a proceeding in which a respondent or other party is entitled to a hearing on the merits, a party, upon written request made to another party, prior to the hearing and within 30 days after service by the agency of the initial pleading or within 15 days after the service of an additional pleading, is entitled to (1) obtain the names and addresses of witnesses to the extent known to the other party, including, but not limited to, those intended to be called to testify at the hearing, and (2) inspect and make a copy of any of the following in the possession or custody or under the control of the other party:

(a) A statement of a person, other than the respondent, named in the initial administrative pleading, or in any additional pleading, when it is claimed that the act or omission of the respondent as to this person is the basis for the administrative proceeding;

(b) A statement pertaining to the subject matter of the proceeding made by any party to another party or person;

(c) Statements of witnesses then proposed to be called by the party and of other persons having personal knowledge of the acts, omissions or events which are the basis for the proceeding, not included in (a) or (b) above;

(d) All writings, including, but not limited to, reports of mental, physical and blood examinations and things which the party then proposes to offer in evidence;

(e) Any other writing or thing which is relevant and which would be admissible in evidence;

(f) Investigative reports made by or on behalf of the agency or other party pertaining to the subject matter of the proceeding, to the extent that these reports (1) contain the names and addresses of witnesses or of persons having personal knowledge of the acts, omissions or events which are the basis for the proceeding, or (2) reflect matters perceived by the investigator in the course of his or her investigation, or (3) contain or include by attachment any statement or writing described in (a) to (e), inclusive, or summary thereof.

For the purpose of this section, "statements" include written statements by the person signed or otherwise authenticated by him or her, stenographic, mechanical, electrical or other recordings, or transcripts thereof, of oral statements by the person, and written reports or summaries of these oral statements.

Nothing in this section shall authorize the inspection or copying of any writing or thing which is privileged from disclosure by law or otherwise made confidential or protected as the attorney's work product.

## **SECTION 11507.7: Petition to compel discovery; Order; Sanctions**

(a) Any party claiming the party's request for discovery pursuant to Section 11507.6 has not been complied with may serve and file with the administrative law judge a motion to compel discovery, naming as respondent the party refusing or failing to comply with Section 11507.6. The motion shall state facts showing the respondent party failed or refused to comply with Section 11507.6, a description of the matters sought to be discovered, the reason or reasons why the matter is discoverable under that section, that a reasonable and good faith attempt to contact the respondent for an informal resolution of the issue has been made, and the ground or grounds of respondent's refusal so far as known to the moving party.

(b) The motion shall be served upon respondent party and filed within 15 days after the respondent party first evidenced failure or refusal to comply with Section 11507.6 or within 30 days after request was made and the party has failed to reply to the request, or within another time provided by stipulation, whichever period is longer.

(c) The hearing on the motion to compel discovery shall be held within 15 days after the motion is made, or a later time that the administrative law judge may on the judge's own motion for good cause determine. The respondent party shall have the right to serve and file a written answer or other response to the motion before or at the time of the hearing.

(d) Where the matter sought to be discovered is under the custody or control of the respondent party and the respondent party asserts that the matter is not a discoverable matter under the provisions of Section 11507.6, or is privileged against disclosure under those provisions, the administrative law judge may order lodged with it matters provided in subdivision (b) of Section 915 of the Evidence Code and examine the matters in accordance with its provisions.

(e) The administrative law judge shall decide the case on the matters examined in camera, the papers filed by the parties, and such oral argument and additional evidence as the administrative law judge may allow.

(f) Unless otherwise stipulated by the parties, the administrative law judge shall no later than 15 days after the hearing make its order denying or granting the motion. The order shall be in writing setting forth the matters the moving party is entitled to discover under Section 11507.6. A copy of the order shall forthwith be served by mail by the administrative law judge upon the parties. Where the order grants the motion in whole or in part, the order shall not become effective until 10 days after the date the order is served. Where the order denies relief to the moving party, the order shall be effective on the date it is served.

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DISCOVERY STATUTES

**DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY**  
**CERTIFIED MAIL, FIRST CLASS MAIL AND EMAIL**  
(Separate Mailings)

Case Name: **In the Matter of the First Amended Accusation Against: AMERICAN ORIGIN COMPLANY, INC.**

Case No.: **DCC24-0002631-INV**

I declare:

I am employed in the Office of the Attorney General, which is the office of a member of the California State Bar at which member's direction this service is made. I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to this matter. I am familiar with the business practice at the Office of the Attorney General for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service. In accordance with that practice, correspondence placed in the internal mail collection system at the Office of the Attorney General is deposited with the United States Postal Service with postage thereon fully prepaid that same day in the ordinary course of business.

On March 16, 2026, I served the attached **FIRST AMENDED ACCUSATION; REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY** by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope as certified mail with return receipt requested, and another true copy of the **FIRST AMENDED** **Certified Article Number** **OR DISCOVERY** was enclosed in a second sealed envelope as mail collection system at the Office of the Attorney General at 300 Los Angeles, CA 90013-1230, addressed as follows:

**Certified Article Number**  
**9414 7266 9904 2253 5580 81**  
**SENDER'S RECORD**

American Origin Company, Inc.  
Sonny Amin, DRP and Owner  
1320 9th Street  
Berkeley, CA 94710  
[s.amin944@gmail.com](mailto:s.amin944@gmail.com)

American Origin Company, Inc.  
Sonny Amin, DRP and Owner  
5655 Silver Creek Valley  
San Jose, CA 95138

**Certified Article Number**  
**9414 7266 9904 2253 5581 04**  
**SENDER'S RECORD**

American Origin Company, Inc.  
Sonny Amin, DRP and Owner  
2209 Bellington Court  
San Jose, CA 95138

American Origin Company, Inc.  
Sharmi Shah, Agent for Service of Process  
901 Campisi Way, Suite 320  
Campbell, CA 95008  
[sharmi@shahattorney.com](mailto:sharmi@shahattorney.com)

**Certified Article Number**  
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**SENDER'S RECORD**

**Certified Article Number**  
**9414 7266 9904 2253 5580 98**  
**SENDER'S RECORD**

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and the United States of America the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on March 16, 2026, at Los Angeles, California.

Cecilia Apodaca  
Declarant

*/s/ Cecilia Apodaca*  
Signature

# Exhibit 3

License History Certification for Respondent;  
Cannabis Distributor License No. C11-0001775-LIC



## Cannabis Distributor License Adult-Use and Medicinal

**Business Name:**

American Origin Company, Inc.

**License Number:** C11-0001775-LIC

**License Type:** Distributor

The license authorizes American Origin Company, Inc. to engage in commercial cannabis Distribution at the premises address listed above until the expiration date of this license. This license issued is pursuant to Division 10 of the California Business and Professional Code and is not transferable to any other person or premises location. This license shall always be displayed in a prominent place at the licensed premises. This license shall be subject to suspension or revocation if the licensee is determined to be in violation of Division 10 of the Business and Professions Code or regulations adopted thereunder.

**Premises Address:**

1320 9TH ST  
BERKELEY, CA 94710-1503

**APN:**

60-2351-5  
BERKELEY

**Valid:** 12/23/2022

**Expires:** 12/23/2026

Scan to verify this  
license.



Non-Transferable

Post in Public View

# Scan to verify this license.



**Valid:**

12/23/2022

**Expires:**

12/23/2026

**License No:**

C11-0001775-LIC

**Legal Business Name:**

American Origin Company, Inc.

**Premises Address:**

1320 9TH ST  
BERKELEY, CA 94710-1503

**APN:**

60-2351-5  
BERKELEY

1. Use your smartphone camera to scan the QR code for licensing information.
2. If your camera doesn't have scanning functionality, you can look up a location at [search.cannabis.ca.gov](https://search.cannabis.ca.gov) using license number C11-0001775-LIC.



Department of  
Cannabis Control  
CALIFORNIA

# Exhibit 4

Office of Administrative Hearings Findings and  
Declaration of Default; Order of Remand



OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

For more information visit

www.dgs.ca.gov/oah

**FINDINGS AND DECLARATION OF DEFAULT; ORDER OF REMAND**

(Gov. Code § 11520)

Case Name In the Matter of the Accusation Against American Origin Company Inc.		OAH Case Number 2025110122
Name of Agency <b>Department of Cannabis Control</b>		Agency Case Number <b>DCC24-0002631-INV</b>
Agency Attorney <b>Anna Nguyen</b>	Respondent/Appellant/Petitioner American Origin Company Inc.	Respondent/Appellant/Petitioner Attorney <b>none</b>

**FINDINGS**

A Notice of Hearing dated November 21, 2025, was served on Respondent/Appellant/Petitioner on November 21, 2025.

The Notice of Hearing was served on Respondent/Appellant/Petitioner by (method of service)

Certified Mail     Regular US Mail     Other electronic mail

at (address of service)

- The address provided by Respondent/Appellant/Petitioner in the Notice of Defense
- The address maintained by the Agency as the Address of Record for Respondent/Appellant/Petitioner
- Other address provided by Respondent/Appellant/Petitioner

The Notice of Hearing provided notice that a hearing would take place on (date) May 13, 2026, at (time) 9:00 a.m.  
at (location):

SACRAMENTO  
2349 GATEWAY OAKS DR., SUITE 200  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95833  
Phone 916-263-0550

OAKLAND  
1515 CLAY STREET, SUITE 206  
OAKLAND, CA 94612  
Phone 510-622-2722

LOS ANGELES  
320 WEST FOURTH STREET, SUITE 630  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90013  
Phone 213-576-7200

SAN DIEGO  
EMERALD PLAZA  
402 WEST BROADWAY, SUITE 600  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101  
Phone 619-525-4475

OTHER LOCATION: Zoom videoconference 160 933 1172

The matter was called for hearing at the date, time and location set forth in the Notice of Hearing. Counsel for the Agency appeared for hearing. Service of the Notice of Hearing was proper.

There was no appearance by or on behalf of Respondent/Appellant/Petitioner. At (time) 9:31 a.m. a default was declared.

Agency counsel has moved for remand of the matter for Agency action under Government Code section 11520.

**ORDER OF REMAND**

Based upon Respondent/Appellant/Petitioner's failure to appear at the hearing, the Agency's motion is granted. This matter is remanded to the Agency under Government Code section 11520.

DATED: <b>May 13, 2026</b>	ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE (Print): <b>Juliet E. Cox</b>	ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE (Signature): 
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# Exhibit 5

Certification of Investigative Costs

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**BEFORE THE  
DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

**AMERICAN ORIGIN COMPANY, INC.;**  
**SONNY AMIN, OWNER**  
**1320 9th Street**  
**Berkeley, CA 94710**  
  
**Cannabis - Distributor License**  
**No. C11-0001775-LIC**

Respondent.

Case No. DCC24-0002631-INV

**DECLARATION OF ARIC ENKABO  
REGARDING INVESTIGATIVE  
ACTIVITY**

13 I, Aric Engkabo, declare and certify as follows:

14 1. I am employed as a Supervising Special Investigator (SSI) I within the  
15 Investigative Services Branch (ISB) of the Compliance Division of the Department of Cannabis  
16 Control (Department).

17 2. I have been designated as the Department representative to certify the costs of  
18 investigation in this case pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 26031.1. I make this  
19 certification in my official capacity as an SSI I and as a public employee pursuant to Evidence  
20 Code section 664.

21 3. The following list of Supervising and or Special Investigators (SI) were assigned  
22 to the investigation of this case, which was initially opened by the Department's Compliance  
23 Division on or about November 12, 2024: Isabel Sanchez, Lead SI; Denis Rakitskiy, Assisting SI;  
24 Steven Rodriguez, Assisting SI, and Aric Engkabo, SSI I.

25 4. In my official capacity as an SSI I, I review the costs incurred by the Department's  
26 ISB in the enforcement of the laws and regulations under its jurisdiction and certify that these  
27 costs were incurred by the Department. I am familiar with the time reporting system of the  
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1 Department's Compliance Division for the reasonable and necessary investigative work  
2 performed on a particular case. It is the duty of supervising special investigators to keep track of  
3 the time spent and to report that time in the Department's case management system at or near the  
4 time of the tasks performed.

5 5. The investigative activity summary entitled American Origin Company Inc.  
6 Certification of Cost Recovery was obtained from the Department's case management system and  
7 includes the details of tasks performed by Supervising and or Special Investigators as maintained  
8 in the Department's case management system. The costs related to investigative activity include  
9 field time, research and report writing, meetings, and use of state vehicles. I hereby certify that  
10 the American Origin Company Inc. Certification of Cost Recovery, attached hereto and herein  
11 incorporated by reference is a true and correct copy of the investigative activity for this case. The  
12 investigative activity summary encompasses the total hours spent by the Department's ISB  
13 through January 31, 2025. The investigative activity summary does not include tasks performed  
14 after this date.

15 6. I certify pursuant to the provisions of Business and Professions Code section  
16 26031.1 that to the best of my knowledge the costs of investigative services set forth in this  
17 declaration are correct and were necessarily incurred in this case. The total hours of investigative  
18 activity and rates applicable to the above-entitled case are as follows:

19 a) Special Investigator Field Time:

20 Rate per hour: \$101.00 multiplied by 12 hours = \$1,212.00

21 b) Research and Report Writing:

22 Rate per hour: \$101.00 multiplied by 11 hours = \$1,111.00

23 c) Use of State Vehicles:

24 2 vehicle @ .58 per mile multiplied by 122 miles = \$70.76

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed in Alameda County on September 3, 2025.

**Aric Engkabo**  
**(Supervising Special**  
**Investigator)**

Digitally signed by Aric Engkabo  
(Supervising Special  
Investigator)  
Date: 2025.09.04 05:11:11 -07'00'

Aric Engkabo  
*Declarant*



# Exhibit 6

Certification of Enforcement Costs

1 ROB BONTA  
Attorney General of California  
2 GREGORY M. CRIBBS  
Supervising Deputy Attorney General  
3 ANNA NGUYEN  
Deputy Attorney General  
4 State Bar No. 335873  
455 Golden Gate Avenue, Suite 11000  
5 San Francisco, CA 94102-7004  
Telephone: (415) 510-3457  
6 Facsimile: (415) 703-1107  
E-mail: Anna.Nguyen@doj.ca.gov  
7 *Attorneys for Complainant*

8 **BEFORE THE**  
9 **DEPARTMENT OF CANNABIS CONTROL**  
10 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In the Matter of the First Amended Accusation  
12 Against:

13 **AMERICAN ORIGIN COMPANY, INC.;**  
14 **SONNY AMIN, DRP/OWNER**

15 Respondent.

Case No. DCC24-0002631-INV

OAH No. 2025110122

16 **CERTIFICATION OF**  
17 **PROSECUTION COSTS:**  
18 **DECLARATION OF ANNA NGUYEN**

Business and Professions Code section  
26031.1]

19 I, ANNA NGUYEN, hereby declare and certify as follows:

20 1. I am a Deputy Attorney General employed by the California Department of Justice  
21 (DOJ), Office of the Attorney General (Office). I am assigned to the Cannabis Control Section in  
22 the Civil Division of the Office. I have been designated as the representative to certify the costs of  
23 prosecution by DOJ and incurred by the Department of Cannabis Control in this case. I make this  
24 certification in my official capacity and as an officer of the court and as a public employee  
25 pursuant to Evidence Code section 664.

26 2. I represent the Complainant, Evelyn Schaeffer, Deputy Director of the Compliance  
27 Division of the Department of Cannabis Control, in this action. I was assigned to handle this case  
28 on or about April 22, 2026.

3. Our Office's computerized case management system reflects that the following  
persons have also performed tasks related to this matter: Robert T. White, Deputy Attorney

1 General; Gregory M. Cribbs, Supervising Deputy Attorney General; Harinder K. Kapur, Senior  
2 Assistant Attorney General; and Helen Koh, Paralegal.

3 4. I am familiar with the time recording and billing practices of DOJ and the procedure  
4 for charging the client agency for the reasonable and necessary work performed on a particular  
5 case. It is the duty of the time keeping employees to keep track of the time spent and to report that  
6 time in DOJ's computerized case management system at or near the time of the tasks performed.

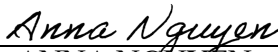
7 5. On May 19, 2026, I requested a billing summary for this case from the Accounting  
8 Department of the DOJ. In response, on May 19, 2026, I received a document entitled "Matter  
9 Time Activity by Professional Type." I hereby certify that the Matter Time Activity by  
10 Professional Type, attached hereto as Exhibit A, and herein incorporated by reference, is a true  
11 and correct copy of the billing summary for this matter that I received from the Accounting  
12 Department. The summary includes the billing costs incurred by me, as well as other  
13 professionals of the DOJ who worked on the matter; and sets forth the tasks undertaken, the  
14 amount of time billed for the activity, and the billing rate by professional type. The billing  
15 summary is comprehensive of the charges by the Office to the Department of Cannabis Control  
16 through May 19, 2026.

17 6. Based upon the time reported through May 19, 2026, as set forth in Exhibit A, DOJ  
18 has billed the Department of Cannabis Control \$17,425.50 for the time spent working on the  
19 above-entitled case.

20 7. To the best of my knowledge the items of cost set forth in this certification are correct  
21 and were necessarily incurred in this case.

22 I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing  
23 is true and correct.

24 Executed on May 19, 2026, in the City of San Francisco, California.

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27 ANNA NGUYEN  
28 Deputy Attorney General  
Declarant

**Exhibit A**



# Cost of Suit Summary

As of May 19, 2026

MatterID: SA2025800437	Date Opened: Feb 10, 2025	Total Legal Costs: \$17,425.50
Description: American Origin Company, Inc. (ACC)		Cost of Suit: \$0.00
		Grand Total: \$17,425.50

*Totals include WIP time.*

Rate	Hrs Wrkd		Amount
<b>Matter Time Activity Summary</b>			
<b>Attorney</b>			
<b>2025-2026</b>			
\$228.00	43.50		\$9,918.00
		<b>Total For:</b>	<b>2025-2026 \$9,918.00</b>
<b>2024-2025</b>			
\$228.00	21.25		\$4,845.00
		<b>Total For:</b>	<b>2024-2025 \$4,845.00</b>
		<b>Total for:</b>	<b>Attorney \$14,763.00</b>
<b>Paralegal</b>			
<b>2025-2026</b>			
\$213.00	10.50		\$2,236.50
		<b>Total For:</b>	<b>2025-2026 \$2,236.50</b>
<b>2024-2025</b>			
\$213.00	2.00		\$426.00
		<b>Total For:</b>	<b>2024-2025 \$426.00</b>
		<b>Total for:</b>	<b>Paralegal \$2,662.50</b>
<b>Total Legal Costs</b>			<b>\$17,425.50</b>

Entry No	Journal Date	Vendor #	Vendor	Schedule	Reference	Amount
<b>Cost of Suit</b>						
<i>* Denotes soft costs which are not included in totals.</i>						



# Matter Time Activity By Professional Type

As of May 19, 2026

Matter ID: SA2025800437				Date Opened: 02/10/2025					
Description: American Origin Company, Inc. (ACC)									
Professional Type: Attorney									
Fiscal Year: 2025									
Professional: Anna Nguyen									
Trans #	Date	Section	Client	Task	Hours Worked	Rate	Amount	Adj ?	Statement Date
403912853	4/21/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Case Management	3.00	\$228.00	\$684.00		4/30/26
403914213	4/22/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Case Management	0.50	\$228.00	\$114.00		4/30/26
403914279	4/22/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Contract/Document Preparation	0.75	\$228.00	\$171.00		4/30/26
403914626	4/22/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Supervisory Review	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		4/30/26
403914627	4/22/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Communication with Other Party	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		4/30/26
403915935	4/23/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Supervisory Review	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		4/30/26
403928808	5/4/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Communication with Other Party	0.50	\$228.00	\$114.00		
403928933	5/4/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Client Communication	0.50	\$228.00	\$114.00		
403929906	5/4/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Discovery	0.50	\$228.00	\$114.00		
403929918	5/4/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Trial Preparation	2.50	\$228.00	\$570.00		
403931138	5/5/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Client Communication	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		
403931187	5/5/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Discovery	0.50	\$228.00	\$114.00		
403932014	5/5/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Trial Preparation	1.00	\$228.00	\$228.00		
403933078	5/6/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Trial Preparation	2.00	\$228.00	\$456.00		
403934835	5/7/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Trial Preparation	0.75	\$228.00	\$171.00		
403937116	5/8/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Trial Preparation	1.00	\$228.00	\$228.00		
403937123	5/8/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Supervisory Review	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		
403937157	5/11/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Trial Preparation	1.00	\$228.00	\$228.00		
403938633	5/12/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Trial Preparation	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		
403939115	5/12/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Trial Preparation	1.75	\$228.00	\$399.00		
403939734	5/13/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Analysis/Strategy	0.50	\$228.00	\$114.00		
403939735	5/13/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Trial Preparation	1.00	\$228.00	\$228.00		
403939848	5/13/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Client Communication	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		
403940193	5/13/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Other Submission/Motion/Appearance	0.50	\$228.00	\$114.00		
403941105	5/14/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Contract/Document Preparation	3.00	\$228.00	\$684.00		



# Matter Time Activity By Professional Type

As of May 19, 2026

Trans #	Date	Section	Client	Task	Hours Worked	Rate	Amount	Adj ?	Statement Date
403946327	5/18/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Contract/Document Preparation	0.75	\$228.00	\$171.00		
403946328	5/18/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Case Management	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		
Anna Nguyen Totals:					24.00		\$5,472.00		
Professional: Gregory M. Cribbs									
606086667	3/3/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Analysis/Strategy	0.50	\$228.00	\$114.00		3/31/26
606097552	3/9/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Pleading Preparation	4.00	\$228.00	\$912.00		3/31/26
606100844	3/11/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Pleading Preparation	0.75	\$228.00	\$171.00		3/31/26
606101281	3/11/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Pleading Preparation	1.25	\$228.00	\$285.00		3/31/26
606104408	3/13/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Pleading Preparation	2.25	\$228.00	\$513.00		3/31/26
606107957	3/16/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Analysis/Strategy	0.50	\$228.00	\$114.00		3/31/26
606143491	4/3/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Communication with Other Party	0.50	\$228.00	\$114.00		4/30/26
606174399	4/22/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Analysis/Strategy	0.50	\$228.00	\$114.00		4/30/26
606175441	4/23/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Supervisory Review	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		4/30/26
Gregory M. Cribbs Totals:					10.50		\$2,394.00		
Professional: Harinder K. Kapur									
803338065	11/5/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Case Management	0.50	\$228.00	\$114.00		11/30/25
803339190	11/6/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Case Management	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		11/30/25
803355937	11/20/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Case Management	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		11/30/25
Harinder K. Kapur Totals:					1.00		\$228.00		
Professional: Robert Tomlin White									
803262044	8/7/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Trial Preparation	1.00	\$228.00	\$228.00		8/31/25
803262067	8/15/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Trial Preparation	0.75	\$228.00	\$171.00		8/31/25
803262074	8/18/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Trial Preparation	0.75	\$228.00	\$171.00		8/31/25
803262079	8/19/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Communication with Other Party	2.00	\$228.00	\$456.00		8/31/25
803262097	8/22/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Communication with Other Party	2.00	\$228.00	\$456.00		8/31/25
803262101	8/25/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Communication with Other Party	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		8/31/25
803262118	8/28/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Communication with Other Party	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		8/31/25
803262121	8/29/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Communication with Other Party	0.75	\$228.00	\$171.00		8/31/25
803396603	9/4/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Case Management	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		12/31/25
Robert Tomlin White Totals:					8.00		\$1,824.00		



# Matter Time Activity By Professional Type

As of May 19, 2026

Trans #	Date	Section	Client	Task	Hours Worked	Rate	Amount	Adj ?	Statement Date
2025 Totals:					43.50		\$9,918.00		
Fiscal Year: 2024									
Professional: Gregory M. Cribbs									
605489801	3/13/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Supervisory Review	0.50	\$228.00	\$114.00		3/31/25
605578462	5/5/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Supervisory Review	1.75	\$228.00	\$399.00		5/31/25
Gregory M. Cribbs Totals:					2.25		\$513.00		
Professional: Robert Tomlin White									
803061566	2/28/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Case Evaluation/Assessment	2.00	\$228.00	\$456.00		2/28/25
803073968	3/5/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Document Analysis	2.50	\$228.00	\$570.00		3/31/25
803104627	4/10/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Document Analysis	1.00	\$228.00	\$228.00		4/30/25
803104629	4/11/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Pleading Preparation	3.00	\$228.00	\$684.00		4/30/25
803119266	4/22/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Pleading Preparation	1.50	\$228.00	\$342.00		4/30/25
803119273	4/23/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Pleading Preparation	3.00	\$228.00	\$684.00		4/30/25
803119321	4/25/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Pleading Preparation	0.50	\$228.00	\$114.00		4/30/25
803156776	5/5/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Pleading Preparation	0.50	\$228.00	\$114.00		5/31/25
803171531	6/3/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Pleading Preparation	1.50	\$228.00	\$342.00		6/30/25
803171710	6/5/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Client Communication	0.25	\$228.00	\$57.00		6/30/25
803179725	6/9/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Pleading Preparation	1.50	\$228.00	\$342.00		6/30/25
803180196	6/10/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Pleading Preparation	0.75	\$228.00	\$171.00		6/30/25
803184017	6/23/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Pleading Preparation	0.50	\$228.00	\$114.00		6/30/25
803186757	6/26/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Pleading Preparation	0.50	\$228.00	\$114.00		6/30/25
Robert Tomlin White Totals:					19.00		\$4,332.00		
2024 Totals:					21.25		\$4,845.00		
Attorney Totals:					64.75		\$14,763.00		



# Matter Time Activity By Professional Type

As of May 19, 2026

Matter ID: SA2025800437				Date Opened: 02/10/2025						
Description: American Origin Company, Inc. (ACC)										
Professional Type: Paralegal										
Fiscal Year: 2025										
Professional: Helen Koh										
Trans #	Date	Section	Client	Task	Hours Worked	Rate	Amount	Adj ?	Statement Date	
803355611	11/20/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Case Management	0.50	\$213.00	\$106.50		11/30/25	
803391431	12/22/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Case Management	0.25	\$213.00	\$53.25		12/31/25	
803480571	3/12/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Case Management	0.25	\$213.00	\$53.25		3/31/26	
803514745	4/9/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Case Management	0.25	\$213.00	\$53.25		4/30/26	
803530599	4/22/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Case Management	0.25	\$213.00	\$53.25		4/30/26	
803547367	5/4/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Discovery	4.50	\$213.00	\$958.50			
803547877	5/5/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Discovery	0.50	\$213.00	\$106.50			
803558920	5/14/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Case Management	0.50	\$213.00	\$106.50			
803563342	5/18/26	CV-CCS:290	02668	Contract/Document Preparation	3.50	\$213.00	\$745.50			
Helen Koh Totals:					10.50		\$2,236.50			
2025 Totals:					10.50		\$2,236.50			
Fiscal Year: 2024										
Professional: Helen Koh										
803039084	2/10/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Case Management	1.00	\$213.00	\$213.00		2/28/25	
803052788	2/25/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Case Management	0.25	\$213.00	\$53.25		2/28/25	
803055409	2/27/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Case Management	0.25	\$213.00	\$53.25		2/28/25	
803091073	4/1/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Case Management	0.25	\$213.00	\$53.25		4/30/25	
803136046	5/13/25	CV-CCS:290	02668	Case Management	0.25	\$213.00	\$53.25		5/31/25	
Helen Koh Totals:					2.00		\$426.00			
2024 Totals:					2.00		\$426.00			
Paralegal Totals:					12.50		\$2,662.50			
SA2025800437 Totals:					77.25		\$17,425.50			

# Exhibit 7

Investigative Report (without attachments);  
Case No. DCC24-0002631-INV



INVESTIGATION REPORT



Department of Cannabis Control CALIFORNIA



CASE INFORMATION

Case Number <b>DCC24-0002631-INV</b>	Date Received <b>November 12, 2024</b>
License Number <b>C11-0001775-LIC</b>	Legal Business Name of Licensee or Unlicensed Party <b>American Origin Company, Inc.</b>
DBA	Premises Address <b>1320 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Berkeley, CA 94710</b>
Business Phone Number <b>(510) 2948276</b>	Author's Name <b>Isabel Sanchez</b>
Date of Incident <b>November 14, 2024</b>	Location of Incident <b>1320 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Berkeley, CA 94710</b>

DESIGNATED RESPONSIBLE PARTY (OWNER) OR UNLICENSED PERSON(S)

Name (First, Middle, Last) <b>Sonny Amin</b>	Title <b>Owner Applicant</b>
Address (include street, city, state, and zip code) <b>1320 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Berkeley, CA 94710</b>	
E-mail Address <b>s.amin944@gmail.com</b>	Phone Number <b>(510) 294-8276</b>
Miscellaneous Information	

SUMMARY

On November 14, 2024, I, Department of Cannabis Control (Department) Special Investigator Isabel Sanchez, attempted to conduct a regulatory compliance inspection at American Origin Company, Inc. (AOC). AOC is a licensed distributor located at 1320 9<sup>th</sup> St. Berkeley, CA. 94710, annual license C11-0001775-LIC.

During my investigation, AOC failed to provide me immediate access to inspect the licensed premises. Furthermore, Sonny Amin (Amin), owner applicant of AOC, told me that American Origin Company was no longer operating from the licensed premises because the property owner had terminated the lease in September 2024; however, the METRC California Cannabis Track-and-Trace (CCTT) database indicated that AOC continued to engage in commercial cannabis activities by receiving cannabis/cannabis products from November 18, 2024 to December 18, 2024.



## INVESTIGATION REPORT

### BACKGROUND

### CASE NARRATIVE

On November 14, 2024, I, DCC Special Investigator, Isabel Sanchez (Sanchez) and DCC Special Investigators Denis Rakitskiy (Rakitskiy) and Steven Rodriguez (Rodriguez) attempted to conduct a regulatory compliance inspection at AOC's licensed distribution premises. I was unable to gain access. I contacted Sonny Amin (Amin), the owner applicant of AOC's distributor's license, via phone at (510) 294-8276 (**Attachment A**), a fact I confirmed while searching AOC's contact information in the Department's licensing database. I identified myself to Amin and requested Amin provide me access to inspect AOC's licensed premises. Amin told me that AOC was no longer operating from the licensed premises since the property owner terminated the lease on or around September 2024. I searched the Department's licensing database and confirmed that AOC did not notify the Department of the terminated lease. Moreover, Amin told me that there were no cannabis or cannabis products on site. I requested Amin provide me a copy of the lease agreement and the termination of lease agreement documents. Amin responded by saying, "Okay." I sent Amin a follow up email summarizing our phone call discussion and instructions (**Attachment B**).

On November 21, 2024, I sent a text message to Amin via text to (510) 294-8276. In my text message, I again requested Amin to provide me AOC's lease agreement along with the terminated lease agreement documents since Amin did not respond to my email on November 14, 2024. I searched the CCTT database. I discovered that AOC's license had active cannabis inventory in the licensed premises (**Attachment C**) and was still accepting cannabis/cannabis products despite Amin telling me that the lease had been terminated during my attempt to inspect the licensed premises on November 14, 2024 (**Attachment D**).

As of December 18, 2024, Amin has not responded to my email or text message requests nor has provided me AOC's lease agreement or the terminated lease agreement documents that I previously requested on November 14, 2024, and November 21, 2024. I searched AOC's CCTT account and discovered that AOC continued to operate by receiving cannabis/cannabis products between November 18, 2024, and December 18, 2024 (**Attachment E**).

On January 21, 2025, I searched the CCTT database and discovered 1,953 package adjustments from September 1, 2024 through January 21, 2025 (**Attachment F**). There were also 386 incoming transfers (**Attachment G**), 3 outgoing transfers (**Attachment H**), and two active packages (**Attachment I**). These movements of cannabis/cannabis products reflect that AOC is continuing to operate despite Amin representing to the Department that the licensee was no longer operating from the licensed premises.



## INVESTIGATION REPORT

### WITNESS LIST

#### Witness #1

- Name: Denis Rakitskiy
- Title/Position: Special Investigator
- Address: 2920 Kilgore Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
- Phone: (916) 215-7620
- E-mail: Denis.Rakitskiy@cannabis.ca.gov

#### Witness #2

- Name: Steven Rodriquez
- Title/Position: Special Investigator
- Address: 2920 Kilgore Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
- Phone: (916) 759-4297
- E-mail: Steven.Rodriquez@cannabis.ca.gov

### PREPARER

Name	Title
Isabel Sanchez	Special Investigator
Signature	Date

### REVIEWER

Name	Title
<i>Aric Engkabo</i>	<i>Supervising Special Investigator</i>
Signature	Date

### LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- A. Accela Contact Information
- B. Email November 14, 2024
- C. Active Inventory
- D. Incoming Transfers
- E. Inventory December 18, 2024
- F. Package Adjustments 9.1.24 - 1.21.25
- G. Incoming Transfers 9.1.24 - 1.21.25
- H. Outgoing Transfers 9.1.24 - 1.21.25
- I. Inventory 1.21.25

# Exhibit 8

Investigative Report (without attachments);  
Case No. DCC26-000231-INV



INVESTIGATION REPORT



Department of Cannabis Control CALIFORNIA



CASE INFORMATION

Case Number <b>DCC26-000231-INV</b>	Date Received <b>January 29, 2026</b>
License Number <b>C11-0001775</b>	Legal Business Name of Licensee or Unlicensed Party <b>American Origin Company, Inc.</b>
DBA <b>N/A</b>	Premises Address <b>1320 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Berkeley, CA 94710</b>
Business Phone Number <b>(510) 294-8276</b>	Author's Name <b>Lindsay Kearns</b>
Date of Incident <b>January 29, 2026</b>	Location of Incident <b>1320 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Berkeley, CA 94710</b>

DESIGNATED RESPONSIBLE PARTY (OWNER) OR UNLICENSED PERSON(S)

Name (First, Middle, Last) <b>Sonny Amin</b>	Title <b>Designated Responsible Party/Business Owner</b>
Address (include street, city, state, and zip code) <b>5655 Silver Creek Valley Road, San Jose, CA 95138</b>	
E-mail Address <b>s.amin944@gmail.com</b>	Phone Number <b>(510) 294-8276</b>

Miscellaneous Information  
 American Origin Company currently has a pending administrative hearing scheduled to commence on May 13, 2016, in Case No. DCC24-0002631-INV and OAH No. 2025110122. The alleged causes for discipline are failure to comply with the Department's request to inspect the licensed premises; failure to accurately and properly comply with CCTT requirements; failure to reconcile on-hand cannabis inventory at least once every 30 days; and failure to notify the Department of any changes to the licensed premises.

SUMMARY

On January 29, 2026, Supervising Special Investigator Jon Silva and I attempted to conduct a site visit at the licensed premises of distributor American Origin Company, Inc., license number C11-0001775, to embargo and sample cannabis flower that originated from licensed cultivator Grow House Solutions Inc., license number CCL19-0002557, which was believed to be contaminated with a Category 1 pesticide.

Upon arrival, the premises were observed to be vacant, and a "For Sale" sign was posted on the front of the building. I contacted the real estate agent listed on the sign and was informed that the unit has been unoccupied for approximately one year due to the previous tenant defaulting on their loan. When I spoke with American Origin Company, Inc.'s Designated Responsible Party (DRP) listed in Accela, Sonny Amin, he told me that he sold the business to Emily Pacheco (Pacheco). Pacheco is not listed as an owner or DRP in Accela.

Despite the premises being vacant, American Origin's California Cannabis Track and Trace (Metrc) account shows package transfers occurring as recently as March 4, 2026. I am unable to track the potentially contaminated packages that American Origin, Inc. accepted from Grow House Solutions, Inc., due to the licensed premises being vacant or locate any of American Origin, Inc's inventory.



## INVESTIGATION REPORT

### BACKGROUND

On January 21, 2026, I, along with other Department of Cannabis Control staff, placed all cannabis plants and cannabis products at Grow House Solutions Inc., license number CCL19-0002557 under embargo after pest strips containing Category 1 pesticides were located throughout the facility (Attachment A).

On January 27, 2026, Grow House Solutions, Inc. voluntarily destroyed all cannabis plants and products that had been placed under embargo.

On January 28, 2026, I reviewed the California Cannabis Track and Trace (Metr) system which showed that transfers of cannabis plants from Grow House Solutions, Inc. to American Origin, LLC had occurred on January 14, 2026, prior to the Department's January 21, 2026, embargo. Those plants were believed to be adulterated.

### CASE NARRATIVE

On January 29, 2026, Supervising Special Investigator Jon Silva and I attempted to conduct a site visit at American Origin, Inc., Distributor license number C11-0001775 (Attachment B), located at 1320 9th Street in Berkeley, CA 94710 (licensed premises) for the purpose of embargoing and sampling cannabis flower believed to be contaminated with Dichlorvos (DDVP), a Category 1 pesticide.

Upon arrival at the licensed premises, I observed a real estate sign posted on the front of the building identifying the property as "Available" (Attachment C). I called the telephone number listed on the sign and left a message, requesting a return phone call. A few minutes later, a real estate agent who identified himself as Aziz Khatri (Khatri) returned my phone call and told me the building had been vacant for a significant period of time. Khatri advised that he would have the property owner contact me to confirm the vacancy status. I looked through the front facing window of the building and it appeared empty inside. I knocked on the front door and rang the doorbell, but nobody answered.

Later that same day, on January 29, 2026, I contacted the Designated Responsible Party (DRP), Sonny Amin (Amin), by telephone. Amin stated that he sold his business approximately one year ago to Emily Pacheco (Pacheco) and had submitted all related documentation to the Department. I informed Amin that he remains listed as the DRP in Department records and that it appears the ownership transfer was denied (Attachment D). Amin further stated that he had defaulted on the real estate loan for the licensed premises and that Pacheco had agreed to purchase the business from him. I requested contact information for Pacheco; however, Amin stated he was unable to provide it at that time. Pacheco is listed in the Licensee's Metr account as the sole employee associated with the license (Attachment E).

On January 30, 2026, I received a telephone call from Rasyad Chung (Chung), who identified himself as a representative of the current property owner, Fred J. & Deborah I. Pretti Trust. Chung confirmed that the licensed premises, 1320 9th Street, has been vacant for approximately one year. Chung further stated that the previous occupant had purchased the building but subsequently defaulted on the loan, resulting in the property owner reacquiring the building. Chung provided me with a photo of the Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure for the property dated December 30, 2024 (Attachment F).

Despite the premises being vacant, the Metr account for American Origin, Inc. continues to report commercial cannabis activity. On January 29, 2026, I reviewed American Origin's Metr account which showed that on January 29, 2026, alone, it reported receiving 24 transfers with 175 package UIDs contained within those transfers (Attachment G). On March 4, 2026, I again reviewed American Origin's Metr account for the month of March and discovered the following commercial cannabis activity: 33 manifest transfers, which included 132 packages (Attachment H).

At this time, I am unable to locate and embargo the potentially contaminated packages that could cause serious health consequences or death to consumers, sent from Grow House Solutions Inc. on January 14, 2026, to American Origin Inc. (Attachment I) due to the licensed premises being vacant.



## INVESTIGATION REPORT

### WITNESS LIST

#### Witness #1

- Name: Jon Silva
- Title/Position: Supervising Special Investigator
- Phone: (916) 698-9960
- E-mail: jon.silva@cannabis.ca.gov

#### Witness #2

- Name: Rasyad Chung
- Title/Position: Property Manager/Representative
- Phone: (510) 301-2222
- E-mail: rasyad@gmail.com

#### Witness #3

- Name: Aziz Khatri
- Title/Position: Real Estate Agent
- Phone: (510) 217-8218

### PREPARER

Name	Title
Lindsay Kearns	Special Investigator
Signature	Date

### REVIEWER

Name	Title
Jon Silva	Supervising Special Investigator
Signature	Date

### LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment A: Photo of Hot Shot Pest from Grow House Solutions Inc.
2. Attachment B: American Origin DCC License
3. Attachment C: Photo of ARTIZAN Real Estate Sign
4. Attachment D: Screenshot of Modification Form 27
5. Attachment E: Screenshot of Metrc/ Emily Pacheco
6. Attachment F: Photo of Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure
7. Attachment G: Screenshot of Metrc Account
8. Attachment H: Screenshot of Metrc Transfers from March 4, 2026.
9. Attachment I: Screenshot of Manifest from Grow House Solutions

**PROOF OF SERVICE**

Case Name: In the Matter of the First Amended Accusation Against: American Origin Company, Inc.  
DCC Case No. DCC24-0002631-INV  
OAH No. 2025110122  
License No. C11-0001775-LIC, Distributor

I am a resident of the State of California, over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to the within action. My business address is Department of Cannabis Control, 2920 Kilgore Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. On May 27, 2026, I served the within documents:

**NOTICE OF DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER**

- VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION. Pursuant to CCP § 1010.6, I caused the document(s) to be sent to the person(s) at the Email address(es) listed below. I did not receive, within a reasonable time after the transmission, any electronic message or other indication that the transmission was unsuccessful.
- VIA CERTIFIED MAIL by placing the envelope for collection and mailing following our ordinary business practices for collecting and transmitting mail through the United States Postal Service to the individual(s) or entity(ies) listed below.
  - Service via certified mail to be completed upon the following business day.

American Origin Company, Inc.  
Sonny Amin, Owner  
1320 9th Street  
Berkeley, CA 94710  
Certified Mail No. 7022 1670 0001 3411 8177  
s.amin944@gmail.com

Evelyn Schaeffer (email only)  
Deputy Director  
Compliance Division  
Department of Cannabis Control  
Evelyn.Schaeffer@cannabis.ca.gov

Sonny Amin, Owner  
American Origin Company, Inc.  
5655 Silver Creek Valley Rd.  
San Jose, CA 95138  
Certified Mail No. 7022 1670 0001 3411 8184

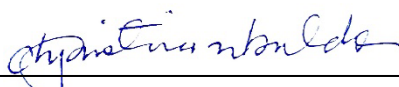
Gregory M. Cribbs (email only)  
Supervising Deputy Attorney General  
Cannabis Control Section  
Office of Attorney General  
Gregory.Cribbs@doj.ca.gov

American Origin Company, Inc.  
Sonny Amin, Owner  
2209 Bellington Court  
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I am familiar with the Department’s business practices for collecting and transmitting mail through the United States Postal Service. In accordance with those practices, correspondence placed in the Department’s internal mail collection system is, in the ordinary course of business, deposited in the United States Postal Service, with postage paid, on the same day.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, and the United States of America, that the above is true and correct.

Executed on May 27, 2026, at Rancho Cordova, California.

  
Christina C. Ubaldo