

**ALBERTA FOREIGN SOLUTIONS AGENCY LTD.**  
**NELSON RODRIGUEZ**  
**AND**  
**TREASURE OF HOPE INTERNATIONAL, INC.**  
**JOHN REVALE**

This Director's Order was issued under s. 157.1 of the *Fair Trading Act* in response to, in the opinion of the Director, contraventions of the Act. As mandated by s. 157.1 of the *Fair Trading Act*, this Director's Order is part of the public record.

For more information on the Fair Trading Act, business licensing in Alberta or to search for a licensed business, please click here:

[Search for a Licensed Business, Charity or Fundraiser](#)

To view a tipsheet on this business licence category, please click here:

[Tipsheets](#)

**DIRECTOR'S ORDER UNDER SECTION 157 OF THE FAIR TRADING ACT**  
**to**  
**ALBERTA FOREIGN SOLUTIONS AGENCY LTD., NELSON RODRIGUEZ**  
**and**  
**TREASURE OF HOPE INTERNATIONAL, INC. and JOHN REVALE**

Mr. Nelson Navarro Rodriguez is the Director and sole shareholder of Alberta Foreign Solutions Agency Ltd. Mr. Rodriguez and Alberta Foreign Solutions Agency Ltd. engaged in the activities of an employment agency by attempting to secure employees for employers in Alberta.

Mr. Rodriguez and Alberta Foreign Solutions Agency Ltd. indicated to Service Alberta that they acted as an agent for John Revale, an employee of Treasure of Hope International, Inc., an employment agency located in the Philippines.

Service Alberta received information from foreign workers from the Philippines that:

- 1) The workers were advised that Mr. Rodriguez was recruiting workers to work in Alberta in the service industry or responded to advertisements for Treasure of Hope International, Inc. in the Philippines.
- 2) The workers received a labour market opinion (LMO) and employment contract from Mr. Rodriguez through Mr. Revale.
- 3) The workers were advised they had to pay the equivalent of \$4500.00.
- 4) Treasure of Hope International, Inc., Mr. Revale and Mr. Rodriguez all received funds directly from workers or representatives of the workers.
- 5) Mr. Revale told the foreign workers the money was going to Mr. Rodriguez. Mr. Rodriguez told Service Alberta that any monies he received were turned over to Treasure of Hope International, Inc.
- 6) Mr. Rodriguez returned a portion of the money to some workers through his company after the investigations were opened into allegations received by Service Alberta.

**LEGISLATION**

The **Designation of Trade and Business Regulation AR8/2006** states:

Section 4(2):

In this section, "employment agency business" means the activities of securing persons for employment, securing employment for person or evaluating or testing persons for employers who are seeking employees.

The **Fair Trading Act** states:

Section 104(1):

No person may engage in a designated business unless the person holds a licence under this Act that authorizes the person to engage in that business.

The Employment Agency Business Licensing Regulation AR 189/99 states:

Section 9 states:

(1) No business operator may directly or indirectly demand or collect a fee, reward or other compensation

- a. From a person who is seeking
  - i. Employment, or
  - ii. Information respecting employers seeking employees

or

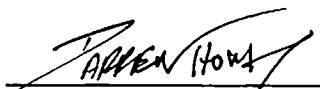
- b. From a person
  - i. For securing or endeavoring to secure employment for the person, or
  - ii. For providing the person with information respecting any employer seeking an employee.

### ORDER

- Alberta Foreign Solutions Agency Ltd.; Nelson Navarro Rodriguez; Treasure of Hope International, Inc. and John Revale individually or through any employee, representative, agent, or associate, must immediately cease employment agency activities in Alberta.
- Alberta Foreign Solutions Agency Ltd.; Nelson Navarro Rodriguez; Treasure of Hope International, Inc. and John Revale individually or through any employee, representative, agent, or associate, must immediately stop demanding or indirectly demanding or collecting a fee, reward or other compensation from a person who is seeking employment in Alberta or from a person for securing or endeavoring to secure employment for a person in Alberta.

### **NON COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER**

- **ANY PERSON WHO FAILS TO COMPLY WITH AN ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR UNDER SECTION 157 OF THE FAIR TRADING ACT CONTRAVENES THIS ACT AND IS GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE AND MAY BE PROSECUTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 163 OF THE FAIR TRADING ACT.**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Darren Thomas  
Director of Fair Trading (as delegated)

May 11, 2010