

MAN ABOUT THE HOUSE HOME INSPECTIONS INC.

AND TO

FRANK ALBERT LAWRENCE

AND TO

ANY EMPLOYEE, REPRESENTATIVE, OR AGENT OF

MAN ABOUT THE HOUSE HOME INSPECTIONS INC.

OR

FRANK ALBERT LAWRENCE

This Director's Order was issued under s. 157 of the *Fair Trading Act* in response to, in the opinion of the Director, contraventions of the Act. As mandated by s. 157 of the *Fair Trading Act*, this Director's Order is part of the public record.

On May 1, 2013, Frank Lawrence and Man About the House Inspections Inc. became a licensed home inspector and home inspection business.

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DIRECTOR'S ORDER UNDER SECTION 157 OF THE FAIR TRADING ACT

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ISSUE

On or about March 28, 2013, Service Alberta identified Man About The House Home Inspections Inc. as advertising home inspection services in the Yellow Pages telephone directory. A web page located for this business confirmed they were advertising the ability to conduct home inspections. An employee of Service Alberta contacted Man About The House Home Inspections Inc. and was able to schedule a home inspection with the company director, Frank Lawrence.

This activity constitutes a "home inspection business" requiring a person or business to be licensed under Section 104(1) of the *Fair Trading Act*. Each home inspector working for a home inspection business must also possess a home inspector licence under Section 104(1) of the *Fair Trading Act*. A Home Inspection Business means the activity of providing home inspection services to consumers. A home inspection is an opinion as to the condition of a dwelling based primarily on a non-invasive examination of readily accessible features and components of a dwelling.

Man About The House Home Inspections Inc. is operating as a home inspection business without the required licence, and Frank Lawrence is operating as a home inspector without the required licence. As of March 2013, the business is advertising the ability to provide home inspection services despite not possessing the necessary licence.

ORDER

- Man About The House Home Inspections Inc. must immediately cease operating a home inspection business and cease advertising the ability to provide home inspection services until licensing requirements have been met.
- Frank Albert Lawrence, either in his own capacity or when acting on behalf of a corporation in which he has an interest or by which he is employed, must immediately cease operating a home inspection business, cease acting as a home inspector, and cease advertising the ability to provide home inspection services until licensing requirements have been met.
- Any current or future corporation, of which Frank Albert Lawrence is a shareholder or director of that corporation or of its parent corporation, must not operate a home inspection business or advertise the ability to provide home inspection services until licensing requirements have been met.
- Any employee, representative, agent or associate of Man About the House Home Inspections Inc. or Frank Albert Lawrence must immediately cease immediately cease operating a home inspection business, cease acting as a home inspector, and cease advertising the ability to provide home inspection services until licensing requirements have been met.

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*.**



Scott Hood
Director of Fair Trading (as delegated)

April 18, 2013