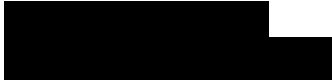




**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**CITATION FOR VIOLATION
OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE**

To: Erhan Kantarci
Db: Welcome Limousine U.S.



File: TCP 37165 B
Date: May 28, 2024
Citation #: T.24-05-006
Case #: CSE-000094

VIOLATIONS

You are hereby cited as having violated section(s) of the Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order (G.O) as described below. These violations occurred during the period of December 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024.

- Operated at an airport without an airport permit and failure to follow airport rules and regulations, in violation of Pub. Util. Code Sections 5371.4(b), 5381, and G.O. 157-E, Part 3.02 **[2 counts]**; and
- Operated as a Charter-Party Carrier (TCP) after revocation of authority, in violation of Pub. Util. Code Section 5379 **[1 count]**.

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STATEMENT OF FACTS

The above violations are documented in the attached Investigation Report, which consists of the carrier's records and substantiating documents obtained from other sources.

RESPONSE

You are hereby called upon to answer this citation on or before June 18, 2024. By way of such an answer, you may either:

- (1) Pay a fine of **\$4,000** pursuant to Pub. Util. Code Section 5378. Submit your check or money order payable to California Public Utilities Commission using the attached *Citation Agreement*. Upon payment, the fine will be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund and the CPUC staff will deem the matter closed), or
- (2) Contact the Supervisor below to make payment arrangements, or
- (3) Contest this Citation by filing an appeal. See the attached document "*How to File an Appeal and Instructions for Filing a Notice of Appeal and Certification of Service for a Citation Appeal.*"

If you fail to respond by June 18, 2024, you will be in default and will have forfeited your right to appeal the citation. In addition, your operating authority will be immediately suspended and may be subsequently revoked pursuant to Resolution ALJ-187. The Commission may also act through a civil or criminal proceeding to recover any unpaid fine and ensure compliance with applicable statutes and Commission orders.

Eric Hooks

Eric Hooks
Program and Project Supervisor
Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division
Transportation Enforcement Branch
Telephone Number: (415) 703-2302
E-mail address: Eric.Hooks@cpuc.ca.gov.

Attachments

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INVESTIGATION REPORT

CARRIER: Erhan Kantarci, an Individual doing business as (dba) Welcome Limousine U.S.

OWNER: Erhan Kantarci

AUTHORITY: TCP 37165 B (Revoked)

MAILING ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

PHONE/EMAIL: [REDACTED]

VEHICLES: 1

EMPLOYEE-DRIVERS: 0

PL&PD¹ OBI National Insurance Company
INSURANCE: Policy Number: [REDACTED]
Cancellation Date: [REDACTED]

WORKERS' COMPENSATION
INSURANCE: Not on file with CPUC²

DRUG CONSORTIUM: Not on file with CPUC

¹ Public Liability and Property Damage (PL&PD)

² California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)

INTRODUCTION

On February 20, 2024, I was assigned to investigate the operations and practices of Erhan Kantarci dba Welcome Limousine U.S (hereinafter referred to as Erhan Kantarci) because of a citation issued by the San Francisco International Airport (SFO) Ground Transportation Unit (GTU), showing that Erhan Kantarci operated on a revoked CPUC authority, and without an airport permit.

HISTORY OF ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement case records show Erhan Kantarci has a history of violating CPUC's rules and regulations, as detailed below:

Prior Case (PSG-5197): On November 25, 2020, CPUC's Transportation Enforcement Analyst, Omar Teutle, served Erhan Kantarci with Citation F-5728 in the amount of \$2,000 for the following violations [**Attachment 1**]:

- **Operated as a Charter-Party Carrier (TCP) after suspension of authority, in violation of Pub. Util. Code Section 5379. [1 count]**
- **Operated as a Charter-Party Carrier (TCP) without evidence of Public Liability and Property Damage (PL&PD) insurance coverage in effect and on file with the Commission, in violation of Pub. Util. Code Sections 5391 and G.O. 115-F and 157-E, Part 1.05 [1 count]**

VIOLATIONS

I investigated Erhan Kantarci for the period of December 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024, and found violations of the following provisions of the Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code and CPUC General Order (G.O.):

- **Operated at an airport without an airport permit and failure to follow airport rules and regulations, in violation of Pub. Util. Code Sections 5371.4(b), 5381, and G.O. 157-E, Part 3.02. [2 counts]**

On December 3, 2023, SFO GTU issued Citation [REDACTED] to Erhan Kantarci [Attachment 2] for operating without an airport permit. On March 19, 2024, I sent a Notice to Cease and Desist via email to Erhan Kantarci at [REDACTED] [Attachment 3]. On March 30, 2024, SFO GTU issued Citation [REDACTED] to Erhan Kantarci [Attachment 4] for operating without an airport permit.

- **Operated as a Charter-Party Carrier (TCP) after revocation of authority, in violation of Pub. Util. Code Section 5379. [1 count]**

On February 19, 2020, the Transportation Licensing and Analysis Branch (TLAB) mailed an Order of Revocation for failure to maintain adequate Public Liability and Property Damage (PL&PD) insurance [Attachment 5]. Pub. Util. Code 5379 states in part that “After the cancellation or revocation of a permit or certificate, or during the period of its suspension, or after the expiration of its permit or certificate, it is unlawful for a charter-party carrier of passengers to conduct any operations as a carrier”. On March 30, 2024, SFO GTU issued Citation [REDACTED] to Erhan Kantarci [see Attachment 4] for operating on a revoked CPUC authority.

DECLARATION

I have read the foregoing and know the contents thereof and I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, except as to those matters stated on information and belief, and to those matters, I believe to be true.

Executed on May 28, 2024, at San Francisco, California.



Omar Teutle, Enforcement Analyst

List of Attachments

1. CPUC Citation # F-5728.
2. SFO Citation [REDACTED]: No Airport Permit.
3. CPUC Notice to Cease and Desist.
4. SFO Citation [REDACTED]: No Airport Permit.
5. CPUC Order of Revocation: Failure to maintain adequate PL&PD insurance.

Attachment 1



CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**CITATION FOR VIOLATION
OF CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE**

To: Kantarci Erhan
[REDACTED]

File: TCP 37165
Date: November 25, 2020
Citation #: F-5728
Case #: PSG-5197

VIOLATIONS

You are hereby cited with having violated section(s) of the Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code and a Commission General Order (G.O.) as described below. These violations occurred during the period November 21, 2019 through January 20, 2020.

- (1) Operated as a charter-party carrier during suspension of its authority, in violation of Pub. Util. Code section 5379. **[1 count]**;
- (2) Operated as a charter-party carrier without evidence of Public Liability and Property Damage (PL&PD) insurance coverage in effect and on file with the Commission in violation of Pub. Util. Code sections 5391, 5381 and G.O. 115-F. **[1 count]**.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

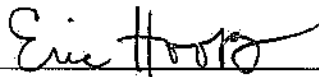
The attached investigation summary report documents the violations listed above, which consists of carrier's records and substantiating documents obtained from other sources.

RESPONSE

You are hereby called upon to answer this citation on or before December 15, 2020.
By way of such answer you may either:

- (1) Pay a fine of **\$2,000** pursuant to Pub. Util. Code section 5378. (Submit your check or money order payable to California Public Utilities Commission using the attached *Citation Payment Form*. Upon payment, the fine will be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund and the Commission staff will deem the matter closed.) or
- (2) Contest this citation by filing an appeal. See attached document "*How to File an Appeal and Instructions for Filing a Notice of Appeal and Certification of Service for a Citation Appeal.*"

If you fail to respond within the 20 calendar days, you will be in default of the citation and will have forfeited your right to appeal the citation. In addition, your operating authority will be immediately suspended and subsequently revoked, pursuant to Resolution ALJ-187. The Commission may also initiate an action through a civil or criminal proceeding to recover any unpaid fine and ensure compliance with applicable statutes and Commission orders.



Eric Hooks
Supervising Investigator
Transportation Enforcement Branch
Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division

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CITATION COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

File No.: TCP 37165

Citation #: F-5728

Case #: PSG-5197

I hereby agree to comply with this citation dated _____, 2020, and herewith pay the fine of \$2,000.

Kantarci Erhan



(Signature) (Title)

(Date)

Payment should be made payable to *California Public Utilities Commission* and sent to:

**California Public Utilities Commission
Attn: Fiscal Office
505 Van Ness Avenue, 3rd Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102-3298**

Attachment 2



AIRPORT COMMISSION
 SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
 GROUND TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION



Date: 12/03/23 Time: 2305 Day: SUN

Plate#: [REDACTED] VIN#: _____

Make: [REDACTED] Model/Style: [REDACTED] Color: [REDACTED]

Driver: _____
Last First

DL#: _____

Company: ERHAN KANTARCI TCP#/TNC#: 37165

Location: TERMINAL 1 DEPARTURES

SFO Permit and/or Rules and Regulations Violated:

- Warning Only
- 4.1 Violation of Traffic Rules _____
- 4.2 No Parking - Restricted Parking Area
- 4.2 Failure to Comply w/ All Signs and Road Markings
- 4.4 Improper Use of Roadways and Walks
- 4.5 Obstructing Vehicle Flow/Double Parking
- 4.6 _____ Zone - Improper Use
Zone Color
- 4.7 Failure to Comply with Permit Terms
- 4.7 Lack of or Improper Trade Dress, Placard, TCP#, Decal
- 4.7 Leaving a Vehicle Unattended
- 4.7 Loading/Unloading Undesignated Level
- 4.7 Providing False Information to Airport Officials
- 4.7 Recirculating or Looping Upper Lower
- 4.7 Soliciting Passengers
- 4.7 Staging
- 4.7 Unsafe Driving
- _____ No Valid CPUC Authorization
- CPUC GE 157 - E 3.02 ; 3.04
- CPUC CODE 5411

Comments: NO SFO PERMIT.

Issue Auth. [REDACTED] ID#: [REDACTED]

FINES SHALL BE ASSESSED PER RULE 14 OF AIRPORT RULES AND REGULATIONS AND/OR APPLICABLE OPERATING PERMIT

Attachment 3

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 VAN NESS AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102-3298



March 19, 2024

TCP: 37165 B (REVOKED)

Erhan Kantarci
Db: Welcome Limousine U.S.

Email: [REDACTED]

NOTICE TO CEASE AND DESIST

Dear Erhan Kantarci:

On February 19, 2020, your Charter-Party Carrier (TCP) authority was revoked for Failure to maintain Public Liability and Property Damage (PL&PD) Insurance.

Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code Section 5379 states in part that it is unlawful for a TCP to conduct any operations after cancellation or revocation, or during the period of its suspension, or after the expiration of its authority. Pub. Util. Code Section 5414.5 states that it is unlawful to publish or advertise without a valid authority. Advertisements include, but are not limited to, advertising in local directories or Yellow Pages, business cards, websites, etc.

Welcome Limousine U.S., must immediately cease and desist from all unlawful operations, including advertising. Pub. Util. Code Section 5411 states in part that any carrier which operates without a valid authority is guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine not less than \$1,000.

This letter places your company on notice that continued violations of the law without the required operating authority may result in enforcement actions, including criminal prosecutions. There will be no further warnings.

For information on obtaining a permit or certificate, go to:
<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/transportationlicensing/>.

Please contact me within five days of receiving this notice at the telephone number or email address listed below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Omar Teutle".

Omar Teutle
Enforcement Analyst
Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division
Transportation Enforcement Branch
Email: Omar.Teutle@cpuc.ca.gov
Tel: (415) 703-1331

Cc: Eric Hooks, Program and Project Supervisor

Attachment 4



[REDACTED]

AIRPORT COMMISSION
SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
GROUND TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION

Date: 3/30/2024 Time: 0921 Day: SAT

Plate#: [REDACTED] VIN#: _____

Make: [REDACTED] Model/Style: [REDACTED] Color: [REDACTED]

Driver: _____
Last First

DL#: _____

Company: Erhan Kantarci TCP#/TNC#: 37165

Location: TS Departures

SFO Permit and/or Rules and Regulations Violated:

- Warning Only
- 4.1 Violation of Traffic Rules _____
- 4.2 No Parking - Restricted Parking Area
- 4.2 Failure to Comply w/ All Signs and Road Markings
- 4.4 Improper Use of Roadways and Walks
- 4.5 Obstructing Vehicle Flow/Double Parking
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Zone Color
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- 4.7 Recirculating or Looping Upper Lower
- 4.7 Soliciting Passengers
- 4.7 Staging
- 4.7 Unsafe Driving
- _____ No Valid CPUC Authorization - Revoked
- CPUC GE 157 - E3.02 & 4.04
- CPUC Code 5379 (CPUC Revoked)

Comments: No SFO permit

Issue Auth. [REDACTED] ID#: [REDACTED]

FINES SHALL BE ASSESSED PER RULE 14 OF AIRPORT RULES AND REGULATIONS AND/OR APPLICABLE OPERATING PERMIT

Attachment 5

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102-3298



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DBA : WELCOME LIMOUSINE U.S.
ATTN : ERHAN KANTARCI




Charter Party TCP037165B

ORDER OF REVOCATION

The OPERATING AUTHORITY(S) LISTED ABOVE IS REVOKED IF NOT OTHERWISE EXPIRED effective February 19, 2020 for the following reason:

Failure to Maintain Adequate Insurance

PL and PD Policy# 

Any carrier which operates with revoked operating authority(s) is guilty of a misdemeanor which is punishable by a fine of not less than \$1,000 or imprisonment of up to three months, or both. Additionally, Public Utilities Code Section 5387(c)(1) provides that a carrier which operates a bus without holding operating authority from the Commission shall be permanently barred from receiving a permit or certificate from the Commission.

NOTE: FOR CHARTER-PARTY CARRIERS, ALL LIVERY LICENSE PLATES MUST BE RETURNED TO THE COMMISSION IMMEDIATELY UPON REVOCATION OF YOUR OPERATING AUTHORITY.

YOU MAY REQUEST REINSTATEMENT OF YOUR AUTHORITY WITHIN 90 DAYS OF REVOCATION BY FILING A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT ACCOMPANIED BY A \$125 FILING FEE. IF YOU FAIL TO HAVE YOUR AUTHORITY REINSTATED BEFORE May 19, 2020 YOU MUST REAPPLY AND PAY \$1,000 APPLICATION FEE (\$1,500 FOR AN "A" CERTIFICATE).

Dated February 19, 2020 at San Francisco California.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 Van Ness Avenue

San Francisco, CA 94102-3298



PSG0037165

DBA : WELCOME LIMOUSINE U.S.

ATTN : ERHAN KANTARCI

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING OPERATIONS WITHOUT
AN ACTIVE PERMIT OR CERTIFICATE

The Public Utilities Code was amended effective January 1, 2010, to provide serious sanctions for, among other things, conducting operations during a period of liability insurance suspension or conducting operations without a permit or certificate from the Commission. Section 5387(c)(1) was added to the Code as follows:

(c)(1) A charter-party carrier shall have its authority to operate as a charter-party carrier permanently revoked by the Commission or be permanently barred from receiving a permit or certificate from the Commission if it commits any of the following acts:

(A) Operates one or more buses or vehicles without having been issued a permit or certificate from the Commission.

(B) Operates one or more buses with a permit that was suspended by the Commission pursuant to Section 5378.5.

(C) Commits three or more liability insurance violations within a two-year period for which it has been cited.

(D) Operates one or more buses or vehicles with a permit that was suspended by the Commission during a period that the charter-party carrier's liability insurance lapsed for which it has been cited.

(E) Knowingly employs a driver who does not have a current and valid driver's license of the proper class, a passenger vehicle endorsement, or the required certificate to drive bus(es) or vehicle(s).

(F) Has one or more buses or vehicles improperly registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles.