

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
BUSINESS TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS OVERSIGHT**

TO: German Gourmet Kitchen, LLC
Christian Topperwien
9663 Santa Monica Blvd # 300
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

**DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER
(For violations of section 31110 of the Corporations Code)**

The California Corporations Commissioner finds that:

1. At all relevant times, German Gourmet Kitchen, LLC, is and was a California limited liability company with a mailing address of 9663 Santa Monica Blvd. # 300, Beverly Hills, CA 90210.
2. At all relevant times, Christian Topperwien (Topperwien) was the manager and control person of German Gourmet Kitchen, LLC.
3. Beginning in at least September 2017, German Gourmet Kitchen, LLC and Topperwien offered or sold franchises for Currywurst food truck franchises in the State of California through a post on Facebook. The post stated: "WE WANT YOU ... AS A FRANCHISEE ... THE No. 1 CURRYWURST Truck of Los Angeles ... LOW INVESTMENT ... ESTABLISHED BRAND ... ASSISTANCE ... CUSTOMER-BASE." The post also states: "I help you with the big step! ... My advisory team and I help with all hurdles to make it as simple as possible for you ... For details and further information or other business ideas apply directly to me at chris@currywurstmann.com."
4. The franchises offered or sold by German Gourmet Kitchen, LLC and Topperwien are franchises within the meaning of California Corporations Code section 31005.
5. German Gourmet Kitchen, LLC and Topperwien's offers or sales of franchises in California have not been registered under the Franchise Investment Law and are not exempt under Chapter 1, beginning with California Corporations Code section 31100, of that law.

1 By reason of the foregoing findings, the Commissioner of Business Oversight is of the
2 opinion that German Gourmet Kitchen, LLC and Christian Tooperwien, are offering franchises in
3 California that are subject to registration under the Franchise Investment Law without the offers first
4 being registered, in violation of California Corporations Code section 31110. Pursuant to section
5 31402 of the California Corporations Code, German Gourmet Kitchen, LLC and Christian
6 Tooperwien, are hereby ordered to desist and refrain from the further offer or sale of franchises
7 unless and until the offers have been duly registered under the Franchise Investment Law, or are
8 exempt.

9 This Order is necessary, in the public interest, for the protection of investors and consistent
10 with the purposes, policies and provisions of the Corporate Securities Law of 1968.

11 Dated: September 21, 2018

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13 JAN LYNN OWEN
14 Commissioner of Business Oversight

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17 MARY ANN SMITH
18 Deputy Commissioner
19 Enforcement Division
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