

**Mississauga, ONT.** - The Travel Industry Council of Ontario (TICO) has charged Travel Partner International Inc. with one (1) count of operating as a travel agent without being registered. TICO has also charged Mr. Hazem El Maghraby with one (1) count of being an Officer and Director of a Corporation and failing to take reasonable care to prevent the Corporation from committing an offence, in this case, for operating without TICO registration.

It is alleged that Travel Partner International Inc. searches for conventions and trade shows taking place across North America, obtaining lists of exhibitors and participants. Travel Partner International Inc. then contacts those businesses and individuals, falsely advising them that Travel Partner International Inc. is affiliated with the convention or trade show and can book discounted rooms in nearby hotels.

Charges were laid on Thursday, June 27, 2019.

Mr. Hazem El Maghraby will appear in court at 60 Queen Street West in Toronto, Ontario on August 1, 2019.

Formed in 1997, TICO is a not-for-profit corporation wholly financed by Ontario-registered travel agents and wholesalers. It administers the *Travel Industry Act, 2002* and the Ontario Travel Industry Compensation Fund. TICO may be contacted at (905) 624-6241 or 1-888-451-TICO. Visit TICO's website at [www.tico.ca](http://www.tico.ca) or email TICO at [Ttico@tico.ca](mailto:Ttico@tico.ca).

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