

**Mississauga, ONT.** - After being charged by the Travel Industry Council of Ontario (TICO), Mr. Emmanuel Adjei was convicted on three counts of operating as a Travel Agent without registration, contrary to the Travel Industry Act, 2002.

Mr. Adjei was ordered to pay \$6,561 in restitution and perform 200 hours of community service. He was also placed on probation for two years.

Mr. Adjei was found to have sold travel services online under names such as mrhalfprice (Mr. Half Price). It was found that consumers sent money to Mr. Adjei by e-transfer through an email address, to pay for travel services they didn't receive.

Consumers who are booking travel services online, including through email and social media, are encouraged to verify if the person or business they are dealing with is registered with TICO. Prior to booking travel, visit [TICO's directory](#) to confirm registration.

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 [tico@tico.ca](mailto:tico@tico.ca).

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