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Business Oversight**FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT****Spice Merchants®
Spice & Tea Merchants®**

Spice Merchants Entities Corp.
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As a franchisee you will operate a retail business offering spices, teas and related items using our prescribed methods under the trade name, Spice Merchants or Spice & Tea Merchants.

The total investment necessary to begin operations of a Spice Merchants franchise ranges from \$78,400 to \$168,500 as more fully described in ITEM 7. This amount includes \$25,000 to \$30,000 as an initial franchise fee that must be paid to the franchisor or affiliate as more fully described in ITEM 5.

This disclosure document summarizes certain provisions of your franchise and license agreement and other information in plain English. Read the disclosure document and all agreements carefully. You must receive this disclosure document at least 14 calendar days before you sign a binding agreement with, or make any payment to, the franchisor or an affiliate in connection with the proposed franchise sale. **Note, however, that no government agency has verified the information contained in this document.**

You may wish to receive your disclosure document in another format that is more convenient to you. To discuss the availability of disclosures in different forms, contact Spice Merchants Entities Corp. at 103 Butler Street, Saugatuck, MI 49453 by mail or (616) 366-6958.

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Do not rely upon the disclosure document alone to understand your contract. Read all of your contract carefully. Show your contract and this disclosure document to an advisor, like a lawyer or an accountant.

Buying a franchise is a complex investment. The information in this disclosure document can help you make up your mind. More information on franchising, such as "A Consumer Guide to Buying a Franchise," which can help you understand how to use this disclosure document, is available from the Federal Trade Commission. You can contact the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP or by writing to the FTC at 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. You can also visit the FTC's home page at www.ftc.gov for additional information. Call your state agency or visit your public library for other sources of information on franchising.

There may also be laws on franchising in your state. Ask your state agencies about them.

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Your state may have a franchise law that requires a franchisor to register or file with a state franchise administrator before offering or selling in your state. **REGISTRATION OF A FRANCHISE BY A STATE DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE STATE RECOMMENDS OR HAS VERIFIED THE INFORMATION IN THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.**

Call the state franchise administrator listed in **Exhibit E** for information about the franchisor or about franchising in your state.

MANY FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS DO NOT ALLOW YOU TO RENEW UNCONDITIONALLY AFTER THE INITIAL TERM EXPIRES. YOU MAY HAVE TO SIGN A NEW AGREEMENT WITH DIFFERENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE YOUR BUSINESS. BEFORE YOU BUY, CONSIDER WHAT RIGHTS YOU HAVE TO RENEW YOUR FRANCHISE, IF ANY, AND WHAT TERMS YOU MIGHT HAVE TO ACCEPT IN ORDER TO RENEW.

Please consider the following **RISK FACTORS** before you buy this franchise:

1. **THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRES YOU TO RESOLVE DISPUTES WITH US BY ARBITRATION ONLY IN SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN. OUT OF STATE ARBITRATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO ARBITRATE WITH US IN MICHIGAN THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.**
2. **THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.**

Effective Date: See the next page for state effective dates.

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DATE EFFECTIVE DATES

The following states require that the Franchise Disclosure Document be registered or filed with the state, or be exempt from registration: California, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin

<p>This Franchise Disclosure Document is registered, on file or exempt from registration in the following states having franchise registration and disclosure laws, with the following effective dates:</p>	<p>Registration Status</p>
<p>Illinois</p>	<p>Effective Date is April 18, 2017</p>
<p>Michigan</p>	<p>Renewed on June 1, 2017</p>
<p>California</p>	<p>Renewed on May 8, 2017</p>

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