

Mr Metin Kartal
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Your ref:

Date: 16th February 2021

Our ref: WK/486014

Dear Sir,

Re: Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016: The Standardised Packaging of Tobacco products Regulations 2015: The Licensing Act 2003:

I write further to my visit to your shop premises trading as Atakan Supermarket 315 West Green Road, London N15 3PA on 20th January 2021.

During the visit quantities of tobacco products were seized, namely 620 cigarettes and 450g of hand rolling tobacco. These products did not carry the correct UK health warnings, were not Duty Paid and were not in standardised packaging as required for the UK market. These facts can constitute offences under the above mentioned legislation.

Also during the visit 4 bottles of Tequila were seized as their original Duty stamps had been obscured and new ones added.

Keeping tobacco and alcohol on a Licensed Premises which is not Duty Paid can also be an offence under the Licensing Act 2003.

In order to complete my investigation I wish to put some questions to you as the Licensee and as I believe the owner of the business. When replying please ensure that this letter is answered by you and you sign and date it to approve its content. Before I ask any questions I must caution you that is, **You do not have to say anything. But it may harm your defence if you do not mention when questioned something which you later rely on in Court. Anything you do say may be given in evidence. You are also advised that you may wish to seek legal advice or consult a solicitor before replying to this letter.**

1. Can you state your full name?
2. What is your date and place of birth?
3. What is your home address?
4. Were you the owner of Atakan Supermarket on 20th January 2021.
5. If you are the owner do you trade as a sole trader a Partner or a Director of a Limited company?
6. If you are a partner what is the name and address of the other partners?

7. If you are trading as a Limited company what is the name of the company and are you a Director?
8. Would you agree you are active in the management of the business?
9. How long have you been trading as Atakan Supermarket.
10. Do you agree that you had tobacco which was not Duty paid and not packaged in UK standardised packaging in your shop on 20th January 2021?
11. How much were you selling these tobacco products for?
12. Where did you buy these tobacco products?
13. Do you have any invoices for them? If yes, please enclose a copy with your reply?
14. Do you know it is illegal to sell tobacco and alcohol and alcohol without payment of UK Duty?
15. Do you know it is illegal to sell tobacco in the UK in non-standardised packaging?
16. Do you know it is illegal to sell tobacco without UK approved health warnings?
17. Do you know it is an offence under the Licensing Act 2003 to keep non Duty Paid tobacco and alcohol on a Licenced Premises?
18. Can you provide copies of purchase invoices for the four bottles of Jose Cuervo Tequila seized on 20th January 2021 as I wish to verify the status of these products.
19. How much time do you spend at the business in an average week?
20. Do you have anything you would like to say in respect of the non Duty Paid tobacco found at the Licensed Premises?
21. Is there anything you want to say in respect of this matter or to clarify anything you have already said in this letter in response to other questions?

I would be grateful if you could respond to my questions within 14 days so that I can complete my investigation. Please respond by post and sign and date your reply. You may also provide a copy of your response by E Mail to Michael.squire@haringey.gov.uk which will assist me.

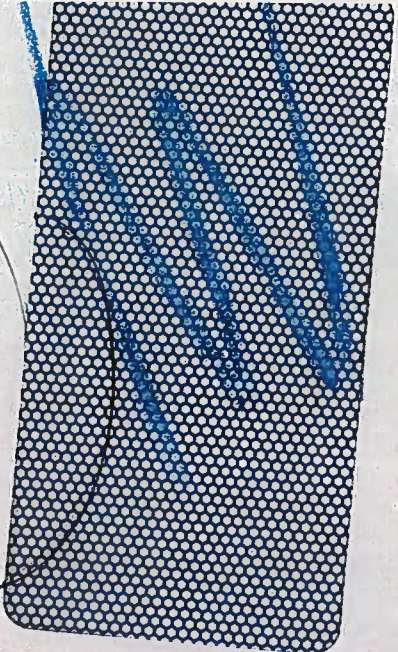
I thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully


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