

Turac Aydemir


Your ref:

Date: 11th November 2021

Our ref: WK/519219

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 Oz Sultan from 348 High Road, London N22 9JW, on 20th October 2021.

During the visit quantities of tobacco products were seized, namely 4,580 cigarettes and 1.050kg of hand rolling tobacco. The Duty Value of these products was £1,612.29. 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.

Keeping tobacco 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 Oz Sultan trading from 348 High Road, London N22 9JW on 20th October 2021.
5. Is the Business run through the company Kartunc Limited?
6. If the answer to question 5 is "no" what are the ownership arrangements and confirm whether you are a sole trader or a partnership. Please provide names and addresses of any Partners in the business.

7. Would you agree you are active in the management of the business?
8. How long have you been trading as Oz Sultan from that address.
9. Do you agree that you had tobacco which was not Duty paid and not packaged in UK standardised packaging in your shop 20th October 2021
10. How much were you selling these tobacco products for?
11. Where did you buy these tobacco products?
12. Do you have any invoices for them? If yes please enclose a copy with your reply?
13. Do you know it is illegal to sell tobacco without payment of UK Duty?
14. Do you know it is illegal to sell tobacco in the UK in non-standardised packaging?
15. Do you know it is illegal to sell tobacco with non UK approved health warnings?
16. Do you know it is an offence under the Licensing Act 2003 to keep non Duty Paid tobacco a Licenced Premises?
17. How much time do you spend at the business in an average week?
18. Who has access to the safe in which the products were stored.
19. Why were the cigarettes concealed in the safe.
20. Did you instruct your staff to tell council officers that the safe was broken and could not be opened. If an inspection was carried out.
21. Do you agree you deliberately stored illegal tobacco in the safe to prevent officers from discovering the products during an inspection.
22. Do you have anything you would like to say in respect of the large quantity of non Duty Paid tobacco found at the Licensed Premises?
23. 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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