Environment & Neighbourhoods

Regulatory Services Manager: Gavin Douglas



Ali Sel Firat Supermarket, 38 Bounds Green Road London N11 2EU

Your ref: Date: 6th July 2023 Our ref: WK/573122

Dear Sir,

<u>Re: Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016: Consumer Protection From</u> <u>Unfair Trading Regulations 2008: The Licensing Act 2003</u>

I write further to my visit to your shop premises trading as Firat Supermarket, 38 Bounds Green Road, London N11 2EU on 24th May 2023.

During the visit 227 disposable electronic cigarettes (VAPES) were seized from behind the counter of your premises. These products had oversize tanks larger than the legal limit of 2ml. In addition, many of these E cigarette products did not carry UK addresses or the correct UK health warnings as required for the UK market. These facts can constitute offences under the above-mentioned legislation.

Further, 5 packets of Kamagra Gel (Erectile Dysfunction medicines) were seized from behind the counter of the shop. Selling these products without the approval of a medical professional can be an offence under the Consumer Protection From Unfair Trading Regulations 2008 in that you are giving the impression they were legal to sell when they were not.

Selling illegal products can affect your Licence which could be subject to Review under the Licensing Act 2003.

In order to complete my investigation, I wish to put some questions to you as the owner of the business and Premises Licence Holder. 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?
- 1. On 24th May 2023 were you the sole owner of Firat Supermarket, 38 Bounds Green Road, London N11 2EU?(If not, please provide me with the full details of ownership of the business on that date).
- 2. Do you agree that on 24th May 2023 you were the Premises licence Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor of Firat Supermarket under the Licensing Act 2003?
- 3. Would you agree you are active in the management of the business?
- 4. How long have you been trading?
- 5. Do you agree that you had disposable electronic cigarettes with tank sizes in excess of the legal limit for sale in your shop on 24th May 2023?
- 6. Do you agree that many of the Electronic Cigarettes seized had incorrect health warnings and did not have UK addresses on the packaging?
- 7. How much were you selling these electronic cigarettes for?
- 8. Who did you buy the seized electronic cigarettes from? (Please provide a name and address)
- 9. When did you buy the electronic cigarettes that were seized?
- 10. Do you have invoices or receipts for the seized electronic cigarettes? (If so please provide copies).
- 11. How many of the infringing electronic cigarettes have you sold?
- 12.Do you know it is illegal to sell electronic cigarettes without UK approved health warnings and UK addresses on the packaging?
- 13. How much time do you spend at the business in an average week?
- 14.Do you have anything you would like to say in respect of the illegal electronic cigarettes found at the Licensed Premises?
- 15. Why did you have Kamagra Gel erectile dysfunction medicines on the licenced premises?
- 16. How much were you selling the kamagra Gel medicines for?
- 17. Are you aware it is illegal to sell Kamagra or similar erectile dysfunction medicines to the public without the approval of a pharmacist or medical professional?
- 18. Where did you get the Kamagra Gel Medicines from. Please provide copies of invoices and receipts with your reply?
- 19. 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. Please also provide a copy of your response by E Mail to <u>Michael.squire@haringey.gov.uk</u> which will assist me.

I thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully

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