## **APPENDIX 3**

## CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL

21 August 2018

Tangarasa Yogarasa
Burleigh Mini Market t/a LESS GO
70 Burleigh Road
Penn Fields
Wolverhampton
WV3 0HN

Dear Tangarasa Yogarasa

## Licensing Act 2003

Review Notice: Burleigh Mini Market t/a LESS GO; 70 Burleigh Road, Penn Fields, Wolverhampton. WV3 0HN

I am writing to you as a Responsible Authority to inform you that the Trading Standards Service is requesting the City of Wolverhampton Council to review the Premises Licence for Burleigh Mini Market t/a LESS GO

## This follows: -

 The seizure on the 21 May 2018, of 2111 illegal cigarettes sticks and 150g of illicit hand rolling tobacco for which UK duty had not been paid and were not in the correct packaging and 380 g of foreign labelled and prohibited oral tobacco from inside the shop and a bedroom upstairs.

I have attached a copy of the Review Notice and appendices 1-15. This notice outlines the reasons why this Service is asking for a review. The Review Notice will also be served on the Licensing Authority, as well as the other responsible authorities.

The review of the Premises Licence will be referred to a hearing of the Licensing Sub-Committee for their consideration following a 28-day representation period. The purpose of the review is to ask the Sub-Committee to either attach certain conditions to the Premise Licence or consider the suspension or revocation of the said licence. You will be contacted in due course regarding the date and time of any such hearing and your attendance.

- wolverhampton.gov.uk
- @WolvesCouncil
- WolverhamptonToday

In the meantime, should you require any further advice or information regarding the Review Notice Application please do not hesitate to contact me or Paul Dosanjh. Should you require any further information regarding the Licensing Sub-Committee hearing where the review of the Premises Licence will be determined please do not hesitate to contact the Licensing Section on 01902 550106.

Yours sincerely

Dianne Slack

**District Officer – Trading Standards** 

Direct: 01902 556063

Email: Dianne.Slack@wolverhampton.gov.uk

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**Review Notice Application** 

Appendices 1 - 15 = seizure log and 15 photographs.

c.c. Responsible Authorities Forum.

## Application for the review of a premises licence or club premises certificate under the Licensing Act 2003

## PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.

You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records. I DIANNE SLACK (Insert name of applicant) apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 / apply for the review of a club premises certificate under section 87 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (delete as applicable) Part 1 – Premises or club premises details Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description BURLEIGH MINI MARKET, trading as LESS GO, 70 Burleigh Road Penn Fields Post town Wolverhampton Post code (if known) WV3 0HN Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) TANGARASA YOGARASA Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known 16/04010/PRE Part 2 - Applicant details lam Please tick yes 1) an interested party (please complete (A) or (B) below) a) a person living in the vicinity of the premises b) a body representing persons living in the vicinity of the premises c) a person involved in business in the vicinity of the premises d) a body representing persons involved in business in the vicinity of the premises

X

2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)

<ol><li>a member of below)</li></ol>	the club	to which	this ap	plicatio	n relates (	(please complete (A)
(A) DETAILS O	F INDIVII	DUAL A	PPLIC	ANT (fil	l in as app	plicable)
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Current postal address if different from premises address						
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## (C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Name and address Dianne Slack District Officer Trading Standards Service City of Wolverhampton Council Civic Centre St Peters Square Wolverhampton WV1 1RP
Telephone number (if any) 01902 556063
E-mail address (optional) dianne.slack@wolverhampton.gov.uk
This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s)  Please tick one or more boxes  1) the prevention of crime and disorder  2) public safety  3) the prevention of public nuisance  4) the protection of children from harm
Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 1) The local weights and measures authority has "responsible authority" status under the Licensing Act 2003 by virtue of the Licensing Act 2003 (Premises licences and club premises certificates) Regulations 2005.
On the 07 February 2018, City of Wolverhampton Council Trading Standards received information that illicit cigarettes and tobacco were being sold from Burleigh Mini Market, 70 Burleigh Road, Penn Fields, Wolverhampton.
On the 21 May 2018, officers from Trading Standards visited 70 Burleigh Road with a Tobacco search dog and a trade mark representative from Imperial Tobacco. On this occasion 2111 cigarette sticks, 150g of hand rolling tobacco and 19 x 20g packets of foreign labelled spit tobacco (prohibited oral tobacco) were discovered behind the counter and in upstairs accomodation above the shop. The tobacco products were suspected of being counterfeit or non duty paid and were subsequently seized.
A traders notice was left with the manger of the store Mr Mohammad Reza Khodaei who was present during the inspection. He was advised during the inspection that it was a criminal offence to possess, supply or sell counterfeit products or illicit tobacco products where those goods are marked as duty free or where UK duty has not been paid on those goods.
The seized goods included a number of cigarettes known as ' foreign cheap whites', e.g.Minsk, and FEST which are foreign brands brought into the UK illegally specifically to be sold on the black market. English branded tobacco products that bore foreign warnings and labelling were also seized as well as known English brands.

It was subsequently confirmed that amongst the seized products from Burleigh Mini Market t/a LESS GO, cigarettes branded as Richmond, and pouch tobacco labelled Amber Leaf were counterfeit. Their possession custody or control give rise to criminal offences under section 92 of the Trade Marks Act 1994.

It was also confirmed cigarettes bearing the brands Benson & Hedges Option, Kent Dunhill and Rothmans were only intended for other European Domestic Markets not the United Kingdom. The value of the goods if legitimate and purchased in the Uk would have a value of approximately £952.

To knowingly keep or allow to be kept on relevant premises, goods such as cigarettes, which have been imported without payment of duty or which had otherwise been unlawfully imported is a criminal offence as per section 144 (1) and (3) of the Licensing Act 2003.

Trading Standards has "responsible authority" status under the Licensing Act 2003. Burleigh Mini Market aka Less Go of 70 Burleigh Road, Wolverhampton has engaged in activities which have breached a licensing objective namely the prevention of crime and disorder. The Home Office publishes guidance under section 182 of the 2003 Act and at 11.27 that guidance advises that the sale of contraband or counterfeit tobacco is activity that should be considered "partcularly seriously." The guidance goes on to state that:

"Where reviews arise and the licensing authority determines that the crime prevention objective is being undermined through the premises being used to further crimes, it is expected that suspension or revocation of the licence – even in the first instance should be seriously considered."

Additionally the sale of illicit tobacco:

- -contributes to the shadow ecomony
- -undermines the City's public health activity which aims to deter residents from smoking especially young people
- -drives down the cost of tobacco thereby counteracting Central Government's attempts to use price as a disincentive.

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application please read guidance note 2)	
N/A	

	Please tick yes
Have you made an application for review relating to the	
If yes please state the date of that application	Day Month Year
If you have made representations before relating to what they were and when you made them	to this premises please state
N/A	

<ul> <li>I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate</li> <li>I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected</li> </ul>						
IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION						
Part 3 – Signatures (please read guidance note 3)						
Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (See guidance note 4). If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.						
Signature D. L.						
Date 21 August 2018						
Capacity District Officer: Trading Standards						
Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 5)						
Post town Post Code						
Telephone number (if any)						
If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional)						

Please tick yes

## **Notes for Guidance**

- 1. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
- 2. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
- 3. The application form must be signed.
- 4. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
- 5. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

# WOLVERHAMPTON TRADING STANDARDS - EVIDENCE STORAGE RECORD SHEET



Defendant:	Officer in Charge of Case:	Type of Evidence:	Г
Less Go			
70 Burleigh Road	Dianne Slack	Cigarettes, hand rolling tobacco.	
Penn Fields			
Wolverhampton		Oral tobacco	
WV3 0HN			
Mohammad Reza Khodaei - Manager, lives on			
premises.			
Hamid Khodaei – owner and brother			
PLH is Tangarasa Yogarasa			
Date Seized:	Date into Storage:		
21 May 2018	21 May 2018		
Case Reference:	Number of Bags/Boxes:		
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Original	Bag Ref	Bag Ref Item/   Location   Quantity   Duty not   Markings	Location	Quantity	Duty not Markings	Markings	New Seal New Date	New	Г	Destination Date	Date	Now	Other
Seal		Description			paid			Seal			<u> </u>	Seal	
0018354	DS/L/1	Fest Red	Box in	260		Foreign		T					
		Dunhill	Bedroom	280		F BAT, 1 pkt taken for sample							
		Richmond x2		40		Eng, 1 pkt taken for sample,							
		Maribro Gold XZ		40	_	Eng, new package. 1 pkt taken							
				620		for sample							
	DS/L/2	Amber Leaf 3 x 50g	Under counter 150g	150g		F. 1 pkt taken for sample			T				
		Original Panchhi		1		Eng. Incorrect warnings							
		Tobacco - Spit tobacco											
		with lime – 19 x 20g		380g									
		1 10 p piece		,									
		Open pack of RAW											
	_	Classic papers.											
		Fest Red 20 x 7		140		Foreign							
		Mrlboro Gold x 3		09	UK Duty	Eng. New packaging, all with							
					paid	same code0EF AJC 4RC JCC							
						PC94701918							
		Benson & Hedges Option		51		Foreign							
		2 x20 +11 in open box.											

Approved P J Calvert

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Other				
New Seal				
Destination Date				
New Seal				
New Seal New Date Seal Out				
Markings	Foreign — 63238B86. Foreign UK Foreign — 20 12 17 34.50rpm 72237M740045 x 4, 72237M740046 x 3 72237M521217 x 3 72237M521216 x 2 1 sample of each taken	Eng. New packaging, all with same code 0EF AJC 4RC JCC PC94701918	Foreign	Eng writing, foreign writing. 13.12.17 34.00rpm 72237M521216 x 2
Duty not Markings paid		UK Duty paid		
Quantity	60 260 160 180 240 <b>1151</b>	80	200	09
Location Found		Gantry	Under counter 200	Under counter 60
Item/ Description	Dunhili 3 x 20. Rothmans 20 x 13 Richmond 20 x8 Kent Core 20 x 9 Kent 8, 20 x 12	Mrlboro Gold x 4	Fest	Kent Navy Blue 20 x 3
Bag Ref		DS/L/3	DS/L/4	DS/L/5
Original Seal		0018394		0018398

# **TOTAL SEIZURES**

Foreign, Counterfeit, non duty cigarettes = 2111 sticks or 105.55 packets. Foreign, Counterfeit, non duty HRT = 150g. Retail value at £9 per packet = £952.20 Street value a £4 per packet = £438.70

Duty evaded = £677.98,

Spit tobacco 380g



























