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25 July 2019

Mr Havel ALI,
Premises Licence Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor
Mini Mart Off Licence,
63 Powell Street,
Wolverhampton.
WV10 0BW.

Dear Mr ALI,

Review Notice: 17/06051/PRE

Licensing Act 2003:

I am writing to inform you of recent activity regarding Mini Mart Off Licence, 443 Dudley Road Wolverhampton WV2 3AQ that will be passed on to the Licensing Sub Committee on the 31 July 2019.

On the 3 July 2019, at 2:30 pm, a 15-year-old female volunteer for Trading Standards was able to purchase 2 x 275ml bottles of WKD Blue 4% alcohol and, one packet of 20 King-size Business Royal cigarettes. The cigarettes are illegal imports that do not bear a UK Duty mark, and incorrect health warnings and packaging. The total price of the goods was £5.00. This child was not asked her age or for identification.

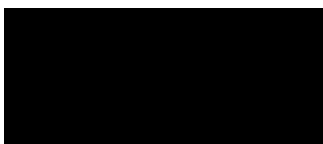
On the 8 July 2019, at 11:40 a.m. I visited Mini Mart Off Licence with officers from West Midlands Police. Approximately 5860 Illegal cigarettes (sticks) were discovered underneath the counter, in the store room of the premises and upstairs in a flat where you were present. These cigarettes included suspected counterfeit brands, non-UK duty paid

brands that were incorrectly packaged and did not bear the correct UK language health warnings. In addition, raw unprocessed tobacco was also found upstairs and raw, processed tobacco in the boot of your vehicle. 6 pouches of suspected counterfeit hand rolling tobacco were also discovered. West Midlands police also seized an amount of money believed to be over £1000 that was concealed in the tobacco gantry, not in the till.

On the 25 July 2019 I received an email from JTI. They are prepared to give a statement that on the 13 March 2019 they purchased a pouch of counterfeit Amber Leaf tobacco from Mini Mart Off Licence for £3.00.

Following the hearing I will be investigating the above matters and those already referred to in the review documents. I will be in touch with you soon.

Yours sincerely



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