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Ref: Trading Standards Review – Europe Plus 77 Mayors Walk

Wednesday 20th September 2017

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Dear Darren,

Re: HMRC / Trading Standards review – Europe Plus Off License, 77 Mayors Walk,
Peterborough, PE3 6EX

On the 25th August 2017 Cambridgeshire Constabulary received notification of a Licencing review application submitted by Peterborough City Council Trading Standards. The review application refers to the 'Off' Licensed premises called 'Europe Plus' at 77 Mayors Walk, Peterborough, PE3 6EX. The Premises Licence reference 074941 is held by Mr. IDRIS KURDA of

He is also the designated premises supervisor and holds an Alcohol Personal Licence No: 074227 issued by Peterborough City Council.

Mr. Kurda was issued with a new premises license in March 2017 for 77 Mayors Walk. The license allows for the 'Off' sale of alcohol daily between 08:00am and 22:00pm. There are no other licensable activities permitted.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary are fully aware and support the ongoing operation involving Trading Standards and HMRC in a positive effort to prevent and deter the sale of counterfeit / illicit cigarettes and alcohol being sold in Peterborough.

The positive seizure made by Trading Standards and HMRC on 28th June 2017 - of 225 packets of foreign labelled cigarettes and 2 pouches of hand rolling tobacco - which were concealed under the counter - came as a result of a positive test purchase carried out on the 12th June 2017.

The effected premises initially failed a test purchase and this alone should have set a clear and present warning to the shop owner and staff about such sales, but obviously knowing the wrongs in such activity, has continued to secrete goods within the store, to sell for their own gain. This leads me to seriously doubt that Mr Kurda is fit and proper to sell alcohol or hold a premises license.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary take a very serious view on the sale of illicit and/or counterfeit goods. This is a serious breach upon the licencing objective to prevent crime and disorder, and in my opinion does not promote public safety. Such crime has a detrimental effect upon the immediate community and can

be harmful to unwitting customers including children. Foreign cigarettes and hand rolling tobacco are not subject to the strict regulation and control measures that would benefit UK authorised sale items and in most cases have not had UK duty paid on them. Distribution and sale of illicit / counterfeit goods is linked to serious and organised crime and nationally is a drain on the economy.

Section 182 Guidance - Licensing Act 2003 Para 11.27 states –

“There is certain criminal activity that may arise in connection with licensed premises which should be treated particularly seriously”.

This includes amongst other criminal activity –

“The sale or storage of smuggled tobacco and alcohol”.

Para 11.28 states –

“It is envisaged that licensing authorities, the police and other law enforcement agencies, which are responsible authorities, will use the review procedures effectively to deter such activities and crime. 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 revocation of the licence – even in the first instance – should be seriously considered”.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary support Trading Standards in submitting their review application and also ask for the Licensing Sub-Committee to seriously consider revoking the Premises licence held by Mr Kurda.

Yours faithfully,
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