

TRADING STANDARDS SERVICE – Premises Licence Review of JUNCTION STOP
Photographs of products purchased during test purchase operations

Marlboro Gold – 13th October 2016



L&M Blue (Eye) – 11th May 2017



L&M Blue (Child) – 29th June 2017





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Dear Retailer

You may be aware that South Yorkshire is currently experiencing an increase in the availability of illegal alcohol (including beer/lager) and tobacco products. This letter is to make you aware of the risks to health, the illegality of selling such products and the penalties which, can be imposed if a trader is found guilty of dealing in such products.

All tobacco products contain toxic ingredients such as arsenic, formaldehyde, benzene, and cadmium but counterfeit tobacco products often contain far higher quantities of these ingredients. Smoking is recognized as a serious health hazard; however the smoking of counterfeit cigarettes greatly increases the potential for personal health damage.

Fake alcohol may contain methanol, chloroform, nail polish remover, cleaning products or automobile screen wash. Drinking fake alcohol may cause nausea and vomiting, abdominal pain and dizziness and can lead to kidney and liver problems. Methanol, found in fake vodka, can cause permanent blindness.

Counterfeit or illegal alcohol and tobacco products will be offered for sale at approximately half the normal UK retail selling price. This would also suggest that the appropriate UK excise duty has not been paid on the product which deprives the country of revenue (tax) which is required to maintain services such as health and education.

If you are offered such products to sell in your premises you must refuse them. You should only purchase tobacco and alcohol (including beer/lager) products from reputable suppliers and not from any "white vans" or unknown sources. All foreign labeled beer/lager must be supplied from the wholesaler with the correct English labels. If they do not provide the labels, do not purchase the products. Every food item (including beer/lager) should be labeled in English, large enough to read and printed in indelible ink. For further information on food labeling requirements please visit the Food Standards Agency website (www.food.gov.uk).

Locally produced or imported beer/lager must pay a "permitted duty price". At present the permitted duty price is the minimum price the product can be sold legally and does not include any transport cost, manufacturing cost or retailer profit. Officers will be concentrating on cheap alcohol which is being sold without the correct duty being paid. Selling alcohol above the permitted price does not mean that alcohol duty has been paid. It is an indicator of possible illicit trade but mainly is enforced to prevent a high consumption of strong alcohol on a regular basis.

For example the minimum "permitted price" for beer/lager is as follows:

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Dear Retailer

Trading Standards Service
The Standardised Packaging of Tobacco Products Regulations 2015

The law is changing. From 21 May 2017 you will only be allowed to sell tobacco products that come in standardised packaging.

What does this mean?

Standardised packaging means that attractive promotional aspects of existing tobacco packaging have been removed, and require that the appearance of all tobacco packs would be the same including the colour of the pack. This standardised packaging has been put in place to allow the promotion of strong anti-smoking and health messages. All other colours, trademarks, logos and promotional graphics are prohibited.

Enforcement

Local Trading Standards Officers will be responsible for ensure compliance with the law. A person who produces or supplies a tobacco product in breach of the Regulations is guilty of an offence. For more details see section 15 of the Regulations.

- If found guilty by a Magistrates Court a person could face a prison sentence of up to three months, a fine, or both.
- If found guilty by a Crown Court a person could face a prison sentence of up to two years, a fine or both.

Further guidance is available at www.businesscompanion.info. Please search for "Display and sale of tobacco products."

If you have any questions regarding the changes in the law please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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