

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

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I **David Strover** acting on behalf of **West Yorkshire Trading Standards Service**

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	
AA Market Ltd trading as Piotr I Pawel 23 Duckworth Lane, Bradford	
Post town Bradford	Post code (if known) BD9 5ES

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known)
Mr Mariwan Tofiq Mustafa

Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known)

Part 2 - Applicant details

I am

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
- 2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below) X
- 3) a member of the club to which this application relates (please complete (A) below)

(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (fill in as applicable)

Please tick

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other title (for example, Rev)

Surname

First names

I am 18 years old or over

Please tick yes

Current postal address if different from premises address

Post town

Post Code

Daytime contact telephone number

**E-mail address
(optional)**

(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT

Name and address
Telephone number (if any)
E-mail address (optional)

(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Name and address West Yorkshire Trading Standards Service PO Box 5 Nepshaw Lane South Morley Leeds LS27 7JQ (Case Officer: David Strover)
Telephone number (if any) 0113 5350000
E-mail address (optional) david.strover@wyjs.org.uk

This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s)

Please tick one or more boxes

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| 1) the prevention of crime and disorder | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) public safety | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) the prevention of public nuisance | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4) the protection of children from harm | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 1)

The facts of the case are as follows:

The retail premises, AA Market Ltd Company number 12169028 Incorporated on 22/08/2019 trading as Piotr I Pawel of 23 Duckworth Lane, Bradford, BD9 5ES is a well known business to West Yorkshire Trading Standards Service (WYTS) as the service has received multiple complaints that the premises is supplying illicit tobacco. The previous owner was prosecuted for selling illicit tobacco and the business was then transferred to the current owner, Mr Mariwan Tofiq Mustafa who is the sole Director of the Limited company

Intelligence received indicated that the business was dealing in illegal tobacco.

On 31 August 2019 West Yorkshire Trading Standards Service (WYTS) carried out a test purchase at Piotr I Pawel, 23 Duckworth Lane, Bradford, BD9 5ES using an underage volunteer.

A WYTS officer subsequently witnessed the sale of 2 single cigarettes to a child volunteer by Mariwan Mustafa. Mr Mustafa stated he was the owner of the shop and had been for approximately 5/6 months. Mr Mustafa also gave his home address as 149 Ovenden Way, Halifax, HX3 5NN.

Attempts were made to interview Mariwan Mustafa by letter but no responses were received to the letters.

On the 10th March 2020 officers attended at the business address in an attempt to locate Mr Mustafa to serve a summons for him to appear at magistrates' court in relation to the sale of single cigarettes to a minor from his business.

Present and working in the shop was Paula Ozolina. Officers saw illegal

cigarettes behind the counter (40 packs) and issued the appropriate paperwork and seized the illicit tobacco products. Mr Mustafa attended the business and confirmed he was the owner of the business. Advice was provided to Mr Mustafa to stop the supply of illicit tobacco This is clearly a licence breach to prevent crime and disorder and a further breach of the licencing condition in relation to public safety.

Mr Mustafa was sent a PACE interview by letter on the 30th June 2020 in relation to the seizure of illicit tobacco on the 10th March 2020.

He confirmed he is the owner.

He stated he was the sole Director of the company that operates the business. AA Market Ltd trading as Piotr I Pawel -23 Duckworth Lane, Bradford, BD9 5ES.

Mr Mustafa stated it was Paula who was responsible and he had dismissed her.

On the 23 /11 /2020 a successful test purchase was carried out at Piotr I Pawel of counterfeit cigarettes by an undercover officer. This is clearly a licence breach to prevent crime and disorder and a further breach of the licencing condition in relation to public safety.

On the 08/12/2020 an inspection was carried out by WYTS and a seizure of illegal tobacco products was made at Piotr I Pawel from behind the counter. In total 208 packs of illicit cigarettes and 5 packets of Hand Rolling Tobacco were seized. Working behind the counter was Paula Ozolina whom Mr Mustafa had claimed had been dismissed following the previous seizure of illicit tobacco on the 10th March 2020. This is clearly a licence breach to prevent crime and disorder and a further breach of the licencing condition in relation to public safety.

On the 07/01/2021 Paula Ozolina was interviewed. The interview related to both seizures and the responses provided by Mr Mustafa from his interview by letter. She gave a very brief prepared statement saying she worked at the

shop as a shop assistant for some time and did not know the illicit tobacco products were there. She also stated that she didn't know all the rules and regulations regarding the sale of tobacco products. Paula Ozolina gave a no comment reply to all the questions put to her after her statement.

On Tuesday 12th January 2021 at Bradford Magistrates' Court, Mr Mustafa pleaded guilty to supplying single cigarettes to a trading standards child test purchaser who was aged 15 at the time. He was fined a total of £233 and ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £32 plus £927 in costs. This is clearly a breach of the licence objectives the protection of children from harm.

PACE interviews by letter were sent to Mr Mustafa on the 04th February 2021 and 16th February 2021 in relation to the additional test purchase and seizure on the 08/12/2020. Mr Mustafa has failed to respond to any of the questions to him or to get in touch with WYTS.

The criminal investigation is still ongoing in relation to the seizures of illicit tobacco on the 10/03/2020, the test Purchase on the 23/11/2020 and the further seizure 08/12/2020.

The tobacco products recovered on both times the store has been visited were are not labelled with the statutory health warnings required by the Tobacco and related products regulations 2016 and did not have the plain packaging as required by the Standardised Packaging of Tobacco Products Regulations 2015. Other offences being committed include ones under the Trade Marks Act 1994, Fraud Act 2006 and Customs and Excise Management Act 1979. By committing these offences the licence holder is clearly failing in its licencing objective to prevent crime and disorder.

The statutory health warnings which are absent on these tobacco products include "Smoking Kills" and "Smoking seriously harms you and others around you". These warnings were implemented in an effort to enhance the public's knowledge about the dangers and risks of using such tobacco products

A 2009 review summarises that "There is clear evidence that tobacco package health warnings increase consumers' knowledge about the health consequences of tobacco use." The warning messages "contribute to changing consumers' attitudes towards tobacco use as well as changing consumers' behaviour." (A review of the science base to support the development of health warnings for tobacco packages (Report). Sambrook Research International. 2009-05-18. Retrieved 2012-07-04)

All cigarettes pose a major health risk and contain hundreds of poisons, including dozens of cancer-causing chemicals. Over half of long term smokers die early of smoking related diseases.

The supply of cheap and illicit tobacco significantly undermines the government's policy of using tax to maintain the high price of tobacco and help reduce smoking.

By selling non packaging compliant cigarettes at less than half the normal retail price, reducing the incentive for smokers to cut down and quit smoking, the premises licence holder is failing in its licencing objective to protect public safety.

Dealers in cheap and illicit tobacco products reap the financial benefits of supplying cheap cigarettes and tobacco at the expense of legitimate retailers by providing unfair competition to shops selling the genuine tax paid products. This may lead to honest retailers closing down and causing local economies to suffer.

The supply of illicit and counterfeit tobacco products costs the taxpayer over £2.5 billion per year in lost revenue.

The current Home Office Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 states:-

11.27 There is certain criminal activity that may arise in connection with

licensed premises which should be treated particularly seriously. These are the use of the licensed premises for certain stated activity and includes:

- for the sale or storage of smuggled tobacco and alcohol.

11.28 It is envisaged that licensing authorities, the police, the Home Office (Immigration Enforcement) 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.

The owner of this store has continued to supply illegal tobacco products and have shown a blatant disregard for the law and licencing objectives. West Yorkshire trading Standards, as a Responsible Authority, considers the matters outlined above to be extremely serious. As smuggled tobacco has been found on this premise on three occasions, it therefore recommends a full revocation of the premises licence.

Both the Premises Licence holder and the Landlord have been written to regarding this matter but neither has responded. The owner of this store has continued to supply illicit tobacco products and has shown a blatant disregard for the law. West Yorkshire trading Standards, as a Responsible Authority, considers the matters outlined above to be extremely serious. As smuggled tobacco has been found on this premise on two occasions, it therefore recommends a full revocation of the premises licence.

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application

(please read guidance note 2)

Please see attached package of papers to support this submission:

Section 9 Statements from:

Babul Hussain

Rashaad Basharat

Paul Kear

Abigail Holroyd - Test Purchaser

Photographs of Seized Tobacco

Please tick yes

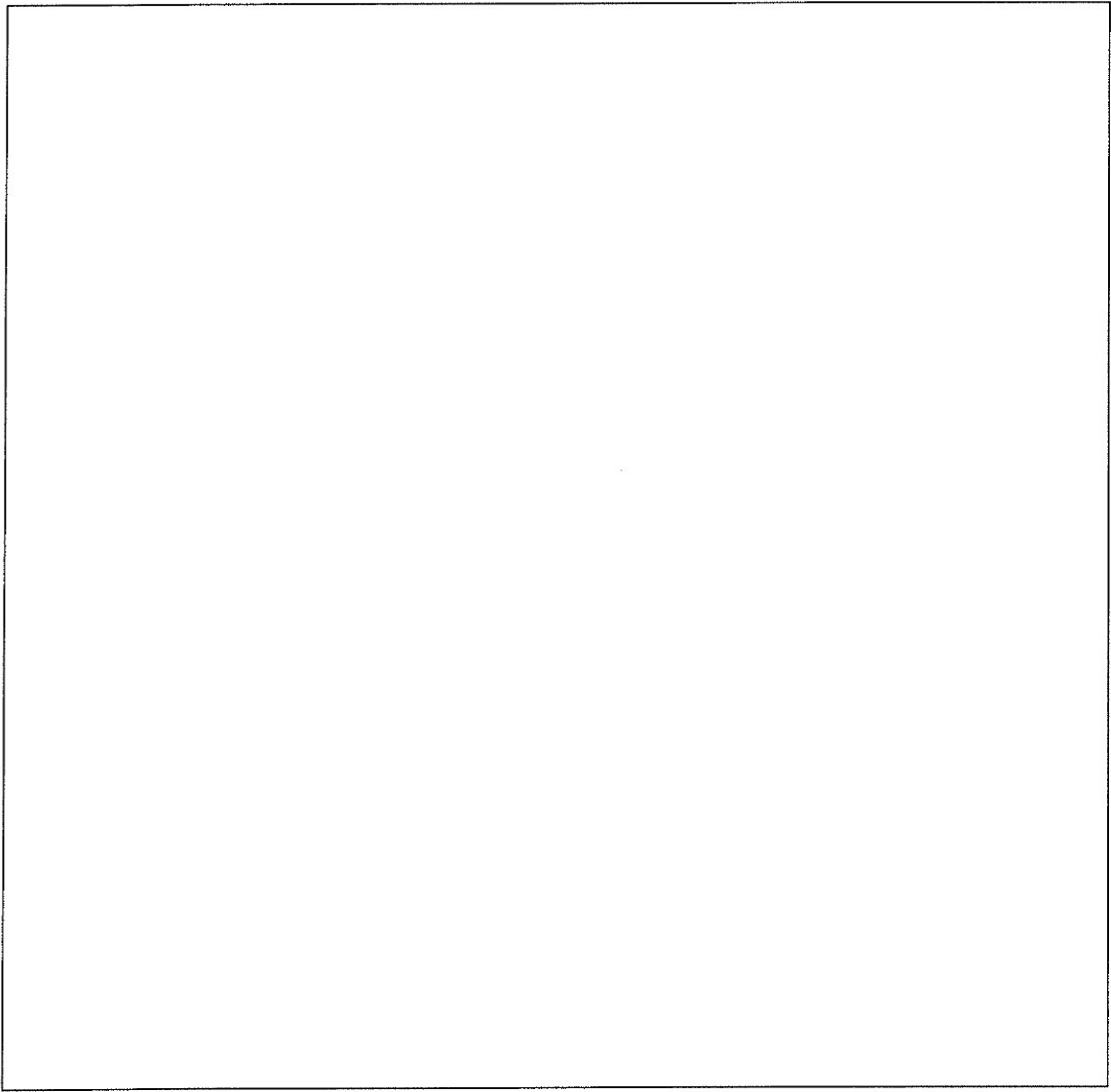
Have you made an application for review relating to this premises before

If yes please state the date of that application

Day Month Year

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If you have made representations before relating to this premises please state what they were and when you made them



Please tick yes

- 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 **X**
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected **X**

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

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Date

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Capacity

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Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 5) David Stover : Trading Standards Nepshaw Lane South Morley	
Post town Leeds	Post Code LS27 7JQ
Telephone number (if any)	
If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional) david.lodge@wyjs.org.uk	

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.

FILE COPY



**CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
OF A
PRIVATE LIMITED COMPANY**

Company Number 12169028

The Registrar of Companies for England and Wales, hereby certifies that

AA MARKET LTD

is this day incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 as a private company, that the company is limited by shares, and the situation of its registered office is in England and Wales

Given at Companies House, Cardiff, on **22nd August 2019**



* N12169028G *



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Companies House

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Application to register a company



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Received for filing in Electronic Format on the: 21/08/2019

Company Name in full: **AA MARKET LTD**

Company Type: **Private company limited by shares**

Situation of Registered Office: **England and Wales**

Proposed Registered Office Address: **23 DUCKWORTH LANE
BRADFORD
ENGLAND BD9 5ES**

Sic Codes: **63910**

I wish to entirely adopt the following model articles:

Private (Ltd by Shares)

Proposed Officers

Company Director 1

Type: Person

Full Forename(s): MR MARIWAN TOFIQ

Surname: MUSTAFA

Former Names:

Service Address: recorded as Company's registered office

Country/State Usually Resident: UNITED KINGDOM

Date of Birth: **/01/1990 **Nationality:** IRANIAN

Occupation: COMPANY DIRECTOR

The subscribers confirm that the person named has consented to act as a director.

Statement of Capital (Share Capital)

<i>Class of Shares:</i>	ORDINARY	<i>Number allotted</i>	1
<i>Currency:</i>	GBP	<i>Aggregate nominal value:</i>	1
<i>Prescribed particulars</i>			

FULL RIGHTS REGARDING VOTING, PAYMENT OF DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

Statement of Capital (Totals)

<i>Currency:</i>	GBP	<i>Total number of shares:</i>	1
		<i>Total aggregate nominal value:</i>	1
		<i>Total aggregate unpaid:</i>	0

Initial Shareholdings

Name: **MARIWAN MUSTAFA**

Address **23 DUCKWORTH LANE
BRADFORD
ENGLAND
BD9 5ES**

Class of Shares: **ORDINARY**

Number of shares: **1**

Currency: **GBP**

*Nominal value of each
share:* **1**

Amount unpaid: **0**

Amount paid: **1**

Persons with Significant Control (PSC)

Statement of initial significant control

On incorporation, there will be someone who will count as a Person with Significant Control (either a registerable person or relevant legal entity (RLE)) in relation to the company

Individual Person with Significant Control details

Names: MR MARIWAN TOFIQ MUSTAFA

Country/State Usually Resident: UNITED KINGDOM

Date of Birth: **/01/1990 ***Nationality:*** IRANIAN

Service address recorded as Company's registered office

The subscribers confirm that each person named as an individual PSC in this application knows that their particulars are being supplied as part of this application.

Nature of control **The person holds, directly or indirectly, 75% or more of the voting rights in the company.**

Nature of control **The person holds, directly or indirectly, 75% or more of the shares in the company.**

Nature of control **The person has the right, directly or indirectly, to appoint or remove a majority of the board of directors of the company.**

Statement of Compliance

I confirm the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as to registration have been complied with.

Name: **MARIWAN MUSTAFA**
Authenticated **YES**

Authorisation

Authoriser Designation: **subscriber**

Authenticated **YES**

COMPANY HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL

Memorandum of association of AA MARKET LTD

Each subscriber to this memorandum of association wishes to form a company under the Companies Act 2006 and agrees to become a member of the company and to take at least one share.

Name of each subscriber	Authentication
Mariwan Mustafa	Authenticated Electronically

Dated: 21/08/2019

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2
Criminal Justice Act 1967, S. 9
Magistrates Courts Act 1980, 5B

Statement of: Babul Hussain

Age of witness: (if over 18 enter 'over 18') Over 18

Occupation: Regulatory Compliance Officer

This statement (consisting of 2 pages each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

08/01/2021

Dated:

Signature: ...

I am a Regulatory Compliance Officer employed by West Yorkshire Trading Standards Service (WYTSS). I am an authorised officer for the purposes of the Trade Marks Act 1994, Consumer Protection Act 1987, Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016, Standardised Packaging of Tobacco Regulations 2015 and The Consumer Rights Act 2015.

On 10 March 2020 at approximately 1300 hours, I attended Piotr I Pawel, 23 Duckworth Lane, Bradford, BD9 5ES with Jason Bethell and Rashad Basharat. Two males and 1 female were present in the shop. One male began to throw up and I escorted him outside to get some air. The two males began to talk in a foreign language and then ran off.

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(Signed) ...

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WITNESS STATEMENT

**Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2
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Illicit tobacco was found and seized. There was also a quantity of cash on the counter that nobody claimed so I contacted the Police and a short while later two officers from West Yorkshire Police entered the premises. The cash was seized by Officer 1874 as potentially being the proceeds of crime from the sale of illicit tobacco.

On the 8th December 2020, I attended at Piotr I Pawel of 23 Duckworth Lane, Bradford, BD9 5ES with Paul Kear & Jason Bethell, officers from WYTSS and officers from West Yorkshire Police at 10:15 hours. A search was carried out of the property and illicit cigarettes were recovered from under the counter stored in a box on the shelf. These items were seized.

On 07 January 2021 at approximately 11:50am I saw Mariwan MUSTAFA and Paula OZOLINA sat in a VW Golf VRM R20AHA parked outside WYJS reception at Morley. At approximately 13:40 I and Rashad Basharat approached Mariwan MUSTAFA who was sat in a VW Golf VRM R20AHA parked outside WYJS reception at Morley. We informed him that he has a court case on 12 January 2021 at 10am in Bradford Magistrates Court and needs to attend. At approximately 14:15 I saw Mariwan MUSTAFA and Paula OZOLINA leave in a VW Golf VRM R20AHA.

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(Signed) ...



Dated.....08/01/2021..... Page 2

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2
Criminal Justice Act 1967, S. 9
Magistrates Courts Act 1980, 5B

Statement of:

Age of witness: (if over 18 enter 'over 18')

Occupation:

This statement (consisting of 2 pages each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated:

Signature: 

I am a Regulatory Compliance Officer employed by West Yorkshire Trading Standards Service (WYTSS). I am an authorised officer for the purposes of the Trade Marks Act 1994, Consumer Protection Act 1987, the Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016, the Standardised Packaging of Tobacco Regulations 2015 and The Consumer Rights Act 2015.

I was tasked with investigating AA Market Ltd trading as Piotr I Pawel of 23 Duckworth Lane, Bradford, BD9 5ES, following a number of complaints and the subsequent seizures of illicit cigarettes.

On the 8th December 2020, I attended at Piotr I Pawel of 23 Duckworth Lane, Bradford, BD9 5ES with Babul Hussain & Jason Bethell, officers from WYTSS and officers from West Yorkshire Police at 10:15 hours. I identified myself to the female working in the shop, who I now know to be Paula OZOLINA. I issued the Consumer Rights Act 2015 entry notice to her and explained the purpose of our visit. A search was carried out of the property and

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(Signed) 

Dated 04/05/2021 Page 1 of 2

WITNESS STATEMENT

**Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2
Criminal Justice Act 1967, S. 9
Magistrates Courts Act 1980, 5B**

illicit cigarettes were recovered from under the counter stored in a box on the shelf. These items were seized and recorded on seizure document 1962 and I produce this as Exhibit PK.1. I also took a number of photographs of the illicit tobacco and the business which I produce as Exhibit PK.2.

A number of packets of illicit tobacco were scanned thorough the electronic till which had been programmed to read their bar codes and a photograph was taken of the till screen. One description read "KILLS" £3.00, which indicates that the tobacco products are being sold for less than half the normal price.

A total of 208 x 20 packs of cigarettes (2560 sticks) and 5 X 50g packs Hand Rolling Tobacco were seized.

Prior to leaving the premises, it was explained again to Paula OZOLINA that the tobacco products are illegal and that there appeared to be a mixture of offences for which she and the owner could be prosecuted for.

I interviewed Mr Mariwan MUSTAFA by letter and he claimed that Paula OZOLINA was responsible for the illegal products.

I interviewed Paula OZOLINA by letter and she gave a prepared statement and declined to answer any questions put to her.

I have tried to interview Mr Mariwan MUSTAFA again but he has failed to respond.

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(Signed)



Dated

04/05/2021 Page 2 of 2

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2
Criminal Justice Act 1967, S. 9
Magistrates Courts Act 1980, 5B


Statement of: Rashad Basharat

Age of witness: (if over 18 enter 'over 18') Over 18

Occupation: Regulatory Compliance Officer

This statement (consisting of 2 pages each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated: 07.01.21

Signature: 

I am a Regulatory Compliance Officer employed by West Yorkshire Trading Standards Service (WYTSS). I am an authorised officer for the purposes of the Trade Marks Act 1994, Consumer Protection Act 1987, Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016, Standardised Packaging of Tobacco Regulations 2015 and The Consumer Rights Act 2015.

On 10 March 2020 at 1300 hours, I attended Piotr I Pawel, 23 Duckworth Lane, Bradford, BD9 5ES with Babul Hussain and Jason Bethell, officers at WYTSS. Two male and 1 female were present at the shop. I served the Notice of Powers and Rights to Paula OZOLINA who was behind the counter. I witnessed one of the males put a bundle of cash on the counter. Paula informed me that the owner is Mohammed ALLI who is away on holiday. She stated that she has been working at Piotr I Pawel for approximately 6 months. One male began to throw up and went outside. The two males began to talk in a foreign language and then ran off. Paula was asked about the alcohol license not being on display

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(Signed) ... 

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WITNESS STATEMENT

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Criminal Justice Act 1967, S. 9
Magistrates Courts Act 1980, 5B**

and she stated that she had paid for a license. The shop was searched and illicit tobacco was found in a carrier bag behind the counter. I took photographs of the illicit tobacco in situ which I produce in evidence as EXHIBIT RB1.

Babul Hussain contacted the Police and a short while later two officers from West Yorkshire Police entered the premises. The cash was seized by Officer 1874.

A male then came to the premises who stated he was the owner and identified himself as Mariwan MUSTAFA. He stated that he had left Paula in charge of the shop and wasn't aware of the two other males who were present at the shop earlier. He stated that his home address is 149 Ovenden Way, Halifax, HX3 5NN. I got the Officers from WYP to check his ID and we established that he was Mariwan MUSTAFA. I informed him that he was being prosecuted for the sale of illegal tobacco to a minor and that he needs to attend court and then I served him the summons.

The tobacco was seized and it was explained that the cigarettes are illicit and cannot be sold in the shop and that there appeared to be a mixture of offences for which the person working in the shop and the shop owner could be prosecuted. A Record of Property Seized was left with Paula and Mariwan.

On 07 January 2021 at approximately 13:40 Babul Hussain and I approached Mariwan who was sat in a VW Golf VRM R20AHA parked outside WYJS reception at Morley. We informed him that he has a court case on 12 January 2021 at 10 in Bradford Magistrates Court. At approximately 14:05 I witnessed Paula and another male enter the Golf.

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(Signed) 

7.1.21

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Statement of: Abigail Holroyd

Age of witness: (if over 18 enter 'over 18')

Over 18

Occupation:

Criminal Investigator

This statement (consisting of 2 pages each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated:

05.05.2020

Signature: ...A Holroyd...

I am a Criminal Investigator employed by the West Yorkshire Trading Standards Service. I am an authorised officer for the purposes of the Trade Marks Act 1994, the Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016, the Standardised Packaging of Tobacco Regulations 2015 and the Consumer Rights Act 2015.

On the 23rd of November 2020, I attended at PIOTR I PAWEL located at 23 DUCKWORTH LANE, BD9 5ES in plain clothes to complete some testing purchasing for counterfeit illicit tobacco.

Once inside the building at around 1300hrs, I approached the counter and said words to the effect of "HAVE YOU GOT ANY CHEAP CIGS?". I was served by a male I would describe as- dark skinned with black hair, he was of a slim build, early to mid 20's and of an average height.

He reached down under the counter and retrieved a cardboard box where the cigarettes were kept. He handed me the packet and I made payment for this. I purchased a packet of 20 RICHMOND Kingsize cigarettes for £4.50. These usually retail for over £10.00.

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(Signed)

[Redacted Signature]

WITNESS STATEMENT

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The cigarettes were sealed in a signed evidence bag and placed in secure storage at West Yorkshire Trading Standards. I can exhibit this as ALH01 for court purposes if necessary.

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(Signed) 