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13th December 2017
Our Ref: 21/17

RE: Tobacco & Related Products Regulations 2016

Dear Mr Arora

On 11th July 2017, Officers from this Service inspected your business premises at 126 High Street, Wealdstone, and seized tobacco and nicotine products which failed to comply with the above legislation. The products included cigarettes, rolling tobacco, chewing tobacco, e-cigarettes and cigar wraps / blunts.

The packaging of foreign labelled cigarettes found under the counter did not display English health warnings and as a result of where they were found, it is believed that they were being offered for supply to customers of the shop. The worker at the shop, Mr [REDACTED], stated that the cigarettes had been bought by you, and you had instructed staff to sell them. In addition, some of the other cigarettes found in the tobacco kiosk were not in standardised "plain" packaging and the chewing tobacco, e-cigarettes and cigar wraps / blunts failed to display the correct health warnings.

On 7th August 2017, you attended formal interview with respect to the matter. You claimed to be unaware that the cigarettes were on your premises and that Mr [REDACTED] had admitted to you after our visit that they were for his personal use. This of course contradicts what was said to our Officers by Mr [REDACTED]. You could not explain why Mr [REDACTED] would be smoking two different brands of cigarette and two different brands of rolling tobacco, or why he would keep such a quantity in a cardboard box underneath the counter.

With respect to the other tobacco, you stated that you purchased it from the previous owner of the business and was unaware of the legislative change with respect to labelling.

On 25th October 2017, Officers from this Service returned to the shop and found further cigarettes under the counter that did not display English health warnings and again failed to comply with the above legislation. A different shop worker was present at this time.

After careful consideration, we have decided that no further action will be taken against you with respect to this matter. Nevertheless, I must advise you that a serious view is taken of any



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potential infringements under the above legislation or any other legislation and, as such, any repetition may result in formal proceedings being taken.

It is my advice to you that you fully read the requirements of the legislation and any relevant guidance and that you introduce tighter controls to your business and fully inspect all stock to ensure compliance in the future. For further advice on business compliance please visit our webpage www.brent.gov.uk/tradingstandards.

Yours faithfully

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Samuel Abdullahi
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