

MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 28 JUNE 2023

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My name is Ali Walker, and I am a Trading Standards Officer based at Leicestershire Trading Standards.

I would ask that this document is read in conjunction with the Licence Review application that I submitted on the 9th May 2023 in relation to European Supermarket (Coalville) Limited.

Since submitted the application I have discovered additional information that I believe to be relevant to the hearing. Namely that on that on the 23rd March 2023 a test purchase was completed at Tetry Europe Market Ltd for illegal tobacco and non-compliant vapes. The test purchaser, who was a representative of Philip Morris International (a leading tobacco manufacturer) was able to buy 1 packet of Queens Menthol cigarettes for £6.00, which were produced from under the counter. The test purchaser accessed the packet of cigarettes to be non-UK duty paid.

The test purchaser was also able to buy a non-compliant vape (ENE Legend), which contained 3,500 puffs. The vape is likely to breach The Tobacco Related Product Regulations 2016 for having a tank size that exceeds 2ml.

As highlighted in my application Mr QAZIZADEH is the sole Director of this business. I believe it to be relevant to the hearing as it highlights that the practice of selling illegal tobacco and non-compliant vapes is not solely limited to European Supermarket (Coalville) Limited.

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