



Northamptonshire County Council

Mr Azad Ahmadi
t/a Maja Sklep
28a Rockingham Road
Kettering
Northants
NN16 8JS

Please ask for: Carol Gamble
Tel: 01604 352466
Our ref: Illegal Tobacco 0117
Your ref:
Date: 20/01/2017

Dear Mr Ahmadi,

**SALE OF ILLEGAL TOBACCO
NOTICE OF MONITORING AND SURVEILLANCE OF TOBACCO RETAILING ACTIVITY**

This Service has previously been in contact with you regarding the supply or alleged supply of illegal tobacco from your premises. Advice has been provided about compliance with the legislation relating to tobacco (please see attached for the most recent notice).

To continue to check compliance with the relevant legislation, we are now notifying you that your premises will be monitored and this will include surveillance (watching) of the tobacco retail activities taking place, any persons associated with conducting such tobacco retail activities and any associated vehicles or property linked with the tobacco retail activities. This monitoring and surveillance activity will be ongoing whilst this Service continues to have reason to suspect that the business above is involved in the supply of retail tobacco.

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Carol L. Gamble
Community Safety Manager

Signed by:

Print name: Maja Sklep Azad

Position: OWNER

Trading Standards
Wootton Hall Park
Northampton
NN4 0GB

www.northamptonshire.gov.uk
01604 352466
01604 352425





74038

Northamptonshire County Council

BR – Azad Ahmadi
Maja Sklep
28a Rockingham Road
Kettering
Northants
NN16 8JS

Please ask for: Nick Lenton
Tel: 01604 382488
Our ref: V74038
Your ref:
Date: 21st December 2016

Dear *Mr Ahmadi,*

**TOBACCO AND RELATED PRODUCTS REGULATIONS 2016
CONSUMER PROTECTION FROM UNFAIR TRADING REGULATIONS 2008
CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT 1987
CONSUMER RIGHTS ACT 2015
TRADE MARKS ACT 1984
GENERAL PRODUCT SAFETY REGULATIONS 2005**

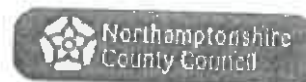
On the 2nd September 2016 this Service carried out a tobacco test purchasing exercise using a person employed by this Service for this particular purpose. This person was able to purchase foreign labelled tobacco, at a price significantly less than legitimate tobacco. The test purchaser purchased a packet of 20 Marlboro Gold cigarettes and paid £5.00. The seller is described as a Kurdish male aged 28-30 years, of skinny build, 170cm tall, short black hair.

Under the above legislation, it is an offence to supply or have in your possession for supply tobacco that is not labelled with the required warnings. Each packet must carry **in ENGLISH:**

- ✓ A combined health warning including one of the statutory text warnings and associated colour photograph on the front and back surfaces together with smoking cessation information, and
- ✓ A general warning consisting of the text "Smoking kills – quit now" and an information message consisting of the text "Tobacco smoke contains over 70 substances known to cause cancer".

Trading Standards
Wootton Hall Park
Northampton
NN4 0GB

w. www.northamptonshire.gov.uk
t. 01604 382488
f. 01604 382425



If you would like further information about the labelling of tobacco products including the introduction of plain packaging, please go to:

<https://www.businesscompanion.info/printpdf/en/quick-guides/business-information-other/tobacco-etc-labelling-advertising-and-packaging>

If you require a hard copy of this guidance, please contact us to request this.

You must ensure that, in future, you do not supply tobacco which does not comply with the requirements of the above legislation. **It is illegal to supply or have in your possession for supply foreign labelled tobacco.** There may also be implications under legislation enforced by HMRC if you are supplying non duty paid items.

You should be aware that a breach of the legislation covering the labelling of tobacco as detailed above could result in a maximum penalty of 2 years imprisonment and/or a fine. If the tobacco was also found to be counterfeit, a breach of the Trade Marks Act 1994 could result in a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment and an unlimited fine.

Legitimately manufactured cigarettes are required by law to have Reduced Ignition Propensity (RIP) paper which means that the cigarettes will self-extinguish if left unattended. Counterfeit and non-duty paid tobacco products do not usually have this RIP paper and are considered to be unsafe. The maximum penalty for non-compliance with this legislation is a fine of up to £20,000 and/or 12 months imprisonment.

We do monitor the sales of illegal products around the County and work closely with our partner agencies to ensure that illegal sales are dealt with appropriately.

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Nick Lenton on the telephone number overleaf.

Yours sincerely



Carol L. Gamble
Community Safety Manager

Name:..... Azad Ahmad

Signed:..... 

Position:..... OWNER



Northamptonshire County Council

Mr Azad Ahmadi
t/a Maja Sklep
28a Rockingham Road
Kettering
Northants
NN16 8JS

Please ask for: Carol Gamble
Tel: 01604 368100
Our ref: C301497
Your ref:
Date: 12th February 2015

Dear Mr Ahmadi,

**CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT 1987
TOBACCO PRODUCTS (MANUFACTURE, PRESENTATION AND SALE) (SAFETY)
REGULATIONS 2002
TRADE MARKS ACT 1994
GENERAL PRODUCT SAFETY REGULATIONS 1994**

This Service received information the illegal tobacco products were being supplied from the above premises. On the 6th November 2014, these premises were visited and 275 packets of foreign labelled cigarettes and 6 pouches of hand rolling tobacco (HRT) were seized. The notice left at the time was signed by you as the owner of the business (see copy enclosed).

As a result of the seizure this Service has carried out an investigation regarding offences alleged to have been committed by you contrary to the above legislation.

Under the above legislation, it is an offence to supply or have in your possession for supply tobacco that is not labelled with the required warnings. Each packet must carry -

- (a) on the most visible surface, one of the following warnings in **ENGLISH**—
- (i) "Smoking kills",
 - (ii) "Smoking seriously harms you and others around you"; and
- (b) on the other most visible surface, an additional health warning in the form of a picture warning.

You must ensure that, in future, you do not supply tobacco which does not comply with the requirements of the above legislation. **It is illegal to supply or have in your possession for supply foreign labelled tobacco.** There may also be implications under legislation enforced by HMRC if you are supplying non duty paid items. If you have an alcohol license, you may be putting this at risk if you keep or allow to be kept on your premises goods which have been imported unlawfully or without payment of duty. In addition, if you have a lottery terminal a breach of this legislation may affect your fitness to retain your license enabling you to sell lottery tickets.

Northampton
NN4 0GB

w. www.northamptonshire.gov.uk
t. 01604 362466
f. 01604 362425
e. tradedtd@northamptonshire.gov.uk



You should be aware that a breach of the legislation covering the labelling of tobacco as detailed above could result in a maximum penalty of six months imprisonment and/or a fine of £5000. If the tobacco was also found to be counterfeit, as in this case, a breach of the Trade Marks Act 1994 could result in a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment and an unlimited fine.

Legitimately manufactured cigarettes are required by law to have Reduced Ignition Propensity (RIP) paper which means that the cigarettes will self-extinguish if left unattended. Counterfeit and non-duty paid tobacco products do not usually have this RIP paper and are considered to be unsafe. The maximum penalty for non-compliance with this legislation is a fine of up to £20,000 and/or 12 months imprisonment.

We do monitor the sales of illicit products around the County and work closely with our partner agencies to ensure that illegal sales are dealt with appropriately.

I have considered the facts of this matter and I propose to deal with it by way of a formal undertaking under the Enterprise Act 2002.

Therefore I request you sign a formal undertaking that you will desist from conducting any business that you are involved with in the future in a manner that infringes any UK and European consumer protection legislation covered by the Enterprise Act 2002. The undertaking is being hand delivered to you and I request you to sign it and return it to me by **26th February 2015**.

I am obliged to inform you that should you fail to accept the undertaking, there is provision within the Enterprise Act 2002 for this Authority to seek an enforcement order through the High Court or the County Court which, if granted, will compel you to conduct your business in a manner that does not infringe abovementioned UK and European consumer protection legislation.

A mobile phone was seized from you on the 18th September 2014 and this is now being returned to you.

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact me on the telephone number overleaf.

Yours sincerely



Carol L. Gamble
Community Safety Manager



Northamptonshire County Council

Formal Undertaking Under Section 219 of the Enterprise Act 2002

I, Azad AHMADI

of 28 Olympic Way, Kettering, NN15 6FB (home address)

trading as Maja Sklep, 28a Rockingham Road, Kettering, Northants, NN16 8JS hereby give Northamptonshire County Council a written undertaking sought by them pursuant to Section 219 of the Enterprise Act 2002 that I (whether by myself, my servants or agents, or under any trading name or entity or any other means), will not engage in the following course of conduct:

Contravening the Tobacco Products (Manufacture, Presentation and Sale) (Safety) Regulations 2002

- By supplying, including offering, exposing or possessing for supply, non-compliant tobacco products contrary to Regulation 14; specifically where the producer has failed to mark the product with the statutory warnings in the prescribed format, in English.

Contravening the Trade Marks Act 1994

- By selling, exposing for sale or having in possession, custody or control in the course of a business goods which bear a sign identical to, or likely to be mistaken for, a registered trade mark with a view to gain for myself or another and without the consent of the trade mark holder, contrary to section 92 of the Act.

IF YOU SIGN THIS DOCUMENT YOU AGREE TO OBEY ITS REQUIREMENTS. AN ENFORCEMENT ORDER MAY BE SOUGHT FROM THE COURT IF YOU CONTINUE TO BREACH OR CONTRAVENE THE LEGISLATION SET OUT ABOVE.

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 12/02/15

Print Name: Azad Ahmadi

Date of Birth: 26/08/86

Witnessed by: [Signature]

Date: 12/02/2015

Print Name: NICK LEVON

Trading Standards Service
Wootton Hall Park
Northampton
NN4 0GB
w. www.northamptonshire.gov.uk
t. 01604 368100
f. 01604 362426
e. tradesstd@northamptonshire.gov.uk





**Northamptonshire
County Council**

Trading Standards Service
Wootton Hall Park, Northampton NN4 0GB
 Tel: (01604) 707900
 Fax: (01604) 707901
 email: TRADESTD@northamptonshire.gov.uk
 http://www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/northants

To: Mr Azad Ahmadi

Head Office Address

Ha MASA SKLEP

28a ROCKINGHAM ROAD

KETTERING

NN16

The matters brought to your attention may constitute a contravention of the following legislation (C/E No: _____)

Consumer Protection Act 1987
Tobacco Products (Manufacture, Presentation + Sale) (Safety) Regs
2002 as amended.

This Service received a complaint that foreign labelled tobacco products were being supplied from these premises. During an inspection today a quantity of foreign labelled tobacco products were found in possession for supply. These items have been seized, as per the attached schedule. It is a criminal offence to fail to comply with the above labelling requirements. You will be contacted in the future regarding this matter.

Date: 06/11/14

Signed: [Signature]
 Trading Standards Officer/Authorised Officer

Enquires should be made to N. LENTON at above address

Receipt of this notice is acknowledged by (signed) [Signature]

Name: Azad Position: OWNER

APP	<input type="checkbox"/>	HO Copy	<input type="checkbox"/>	HA Copy	<input type="checkbox"/>	SM Repeat Visit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed by Date	<input type="checkbox"/>
-----	--------------------------	------------	--------------------------	------------	--------------------------	--------------------	--------------------------	-------------------------	--------------------------

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
TRADING STANDARDS SERVICE

DATE: 6/11/2014

DEFENDANT: MASA SKEEP, ROCKWISHAM ROAD
KENTON.

Entry Number	Description of Property	Exhibit Number	Seal Number	Where found	Found By	Time Logged	Location Stored
1	X10 L & M LINK BLUE X26 5000 MARLBORO ORIGINAL	NZ/1	B01186	UNDERNEATH THE COUNTER	NL	19.30	
2	X ²⁰⁰ 200 5000 MARLBORO ORIGINAL X6 (50) SQUARES SMOKE VICESINNA X12 5000 MARLBORO ORIGINAL, X1 MARLBORO 5000 ORIGINAL X8 PEACH X5 VICEROY RED X11 L & M LINK BLUE X8 L & M LINK GREEN (MINT) X4 NZ 5000.	GJW/1	A09088	ALLEYWAY AT SIDE OF SHOP (KIN SIOE)	GJW	19.35	

Seizing Officer: N LENTON



Northamptonshire County Council

Mr Azad Rasul Ahmadi
118 Dunton Street
Leicester
LE3 5EN

Please ask for: Trading Standards
Tel: 01604 362466
Our ref: EAU
Your ref:
Date: 1 September 2014

Dear Mr Ahmadi

ENTERPRISE ACT UNDERTAKING

Thank you for returning the signed Enterprise Act Undertaking. I am enclosing a copy for your records.

You were also provided with a voluntary surrender form and I have not received this. I am sending you a further copy; please sign this and return in the envelope provided.

In relation to your letter I would make the following points:

On the 27th March 2014, we did not 'find' two packets of illicit cigarettes. A test purchase was made from your premises and the male behind the counter sold two packets of illicit Marlboro Lights for £5.00 each. These were stored below the counter. The money for these cigarettes was placed by him into your till.

In relation to the 17th April 2014, I have stated in the letter that the tobacco seized was not from an employee and that no illicit tobacco was found in your premises.

On the 12th June 2014, we did not 'find' two packets of illicit cigarettes. A test purchase was made from your premises and the male behind the counter sold two packets of illicit L&M cigarettes for £4.50 each. These were stored below the counter. The money for these cigarettes was placed by him into your till.

On the 11th July 2014, we seized 55 packets of illicit cigarettes, 9 pouches of illicit hand rolling tobacco and 72 packets foreign labelled blunts. These were concealed in a hinged storage area below your shop counter. It is clear that when the sales took place on the 27th March 2014 and the 12th June 2014, this is where the tobacco was stored.

NCC Trading Standards Service
Wootton Hall Park
Northampton
NN4 0GB
w. www.northamptonshire.gov.uk
t. 01604 362466
f. 01604 362425
e. cgamble@northamptonshire.gov.uk



On the 13th August 2014, we visited your premises to provide you with the Enterprise Act undertaking. Again, illicit cigarettes were found stored below the counter as they had been previously.

As the owner of the shop, it is your responsibility to ensure that you and your employees comply with all relevant legislation.

We do regularly carry out test purchasing exercises and unannounced inspections and it is likely that your premises will be visited in the future.

If you have any further queries relating to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol L. Gamble". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the name.

Carol L. Gamble
Community Safety Manager



Northamptonshire County Council

Formal Undertaking Under Section 219 of the Enterprise Act 2002

I, Azad Rasul AHMADI, date of birth: 26 10 81 86.

of118 Dunton St.....LICESTER LE3 5EN (home address)

trading as Maja Sklep, 28a Rockingham Road, Kettering, NN16 8JS, hereby give Northamptonshire County Council a written undertaking sought by them pursuant to Section 219 of the Enterprise Act 2002 that I (whether by myself, my servants or agents, or under any trading name or entity or any other means), will not engage in the following course of conduct:

Contravening the Tobacco Products (Manufacture, Presentation and Sale) (Safety) Regulations 2002

- By supplying, including offering, exposing or possessing for supply, non-compliant tobacco products contrary to Regulation 14; specifically where the producer has failed to mark the product with the statutory warnings in the prescribed format, in English.

Contravening the Trade Marks Act 1994

- By selling, exposing for sale or having in possession, custody or control in the course of a business goods which bear a sign identical to, or likely to be mistaken for, a registered trade mark with a view to gain for myself or another and without the consent of the trade mark holder, contrary to section 92 of the Act.

IF YOU SIGN THIS DOCUMENT YOU AGREE TO OBEY ITS REQUIREMENTS. AN ENFORCEMENT ORDER MAY BE SOUGHT FROM THE COURT IF YOU CONTINUE TO BREACH OR CONTRAVENE THE LEGISLATION SET OUT ABOVE.

Signed:

Date: 20 10 2014

Print Name: Azad Ahmadi

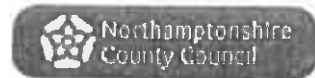
Date of Birth: 26 10 81 86

Witnessed by:

Date:

Print Name:

Trading Standards Service
 Wootton Hall Park
 Northampton
 NN4 0GB
 w. www.northamptonshire.gov.uk
 t. 01604 388100
 f. 01604 382425
 e. tradestd@northamptonshire.gov.uk



Maja Sklep
28 A Rockingham Road,
Kettering, NN16 8JS.

Dear Mr and Mrs

I have been ask to sign some paper work, but I am not agree with that because all blame you put on me which is not okay with me.

Below I put an explanation. Taking into account the date and the problem of what occurred.

On the 27th March 2014, you have found 2 packets of illicit Marlboro which belonged to one of my employee.

On the 17th April 2014, you were found a large quantity of illicit cigarettes with the person who came to my shop which is absolutely not work with me because that wasn't even mine and the guy is not my employee.

People are coming and asking if we want to buy but we not buying at all.

On the 12th June 2014, you have found 2 packets of illicit L&M slim cigarettes which belonged to a same one of my employee.

On the 11th July 2014, you have found 55 packets of foreign labelled cigarettes, 9 pouches of tobacco and 72 packets labelled cigar which I am agree that we make mistake and from that day we have stoped.

On the 13th August, you were found 4 packets of cigarettes which belonged to a same employee who not gonna work for me anymore. Me been told couple of time that he is not allowed to have this kind of stuff at work.

Azad. Rasul. Ahmad.





Northamptonshire County Council

Mr Azad Rasul AHMADI
t/a Maja Sklep
28a Rockingham Road
Kettering
Northants
NN16 8JS

Please ask for: Carol Gamble
Tel: 01604 362466
Our ref: EA
Your ref:
Date: 13th August 2014

Dear Mr Ahmadi,

**CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT 1987
TOBACCO PRODUCTS (MANUFACTURE, PRESENTATION AND SALE) (SAFETY)
REGULATIONS 2002
TRADE MARKS ACT 1994**

On the 27th March 2014, a representative from this Service made a purchase of 2 packets of illicit Marlboro Lights cigarettes from your premises. The cigarettes purchased displayed the health warnings in a language other than English.

On the 17th April 2014, your premises were visited and a large quantity of illicit cigarettes were seized from a person who was present within your shop, but was not one of your employees. No other illicit cigarettes were found.

On the 12th June 2014, a representative from this Service made a purchase of 2 packets of illicit L&M Slim cigarettes from your premises. The cigarettes purchased displayed the health warnings in a language other than English.

On the 11th July 2014, your premises were visited and officers seized 55 packets of foreign labelled cigarettes, 9 pouches of foreign labelled hand rolling tobacco and 72 packets of foreign labelled cigar wraps (blunts). These were concealed in a hinged storage area under shelving within your shop counter.

As a result of the test purchases and the seizure, this Service has carried out an investigation regarding offences alleged to have been committed by you contrary to the above legislation.

Wootton Hall Park
Northampton
NN4 0GB

w. www.northamptonshire.gov.uk
t. 01604 362466
f. 01604 362425
e. tradesstd@northamptonshire.gov.uk



Northamptonshire
County Council

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact me on the telephone number shown at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely


Carol L. Gamble
Community Safety Manager

E/071118
INF No

Team 2



Trading Standards Service
Wootton Hall Park, Northampton NN4
Tel: (01604) 707904
Fax: (01604) 707901
email: TRADESTD@northamptonshire.gov.uk
Web: www.northamptonshire.gov.uk

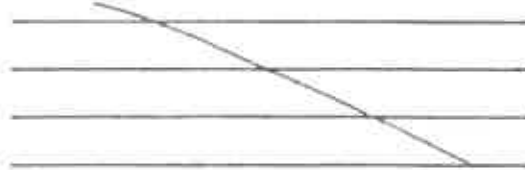
nr,
CEO, ccw, 26

07521 278568

To: AZAD AHMADI

Head Office Address

H/A MASA SKLEP
28a Rockingham Road
Kettering
NN16 8J3



The matters brought to your attention may constitute a contravention of the following legislation. (C/E No: _____)

Consumer Protection Act 1987
Tobacco Products (Manufacture, Presentation & Sale) (Safety)
Regulations 2002 as amended
Children and Young Persons Act: (Protection from Tobacco) Act 1991

During an inspection of your premises today I found a quantity of foreign labelled tobacco products in possession for supply. These items have been seized, details as per the attached schedule. You are reminded it is a criminal offence to supply tobacco products which don't bear the prescribed warnings. You were also failing to display the prescribed tobacco notice, contrary to the above legislation, this is also a criminal offence. You will be contacted " " - ... doing this matter.

Post to stop

Date: 11/0.
& H/A of
A.A.

igned: [Signature]
ading Standards Officer/Authorised Officer

Enquiries should be made to N. LENTON at above address.

Receipt of this notice is acknowledged by (signed)

Name: SHAHRAM SAIDI Position: Tell

APP	<input type="checkbox"/>	HO Copy	<input type="checkbox"/>	HA Copy	<input type="checkbox"/>	SM Repeat Visit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed by Date	<input type="checkbox"/>
-----	--------------------------	---------	--------------------------	---------	--------------------------	-----------------	--------------------------	-------------------	--------------------------

11/07/2014

sketch

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL
TRADING STANDARDS

DEFENDANT: Maia Skelton - Dr. Rockingham Rd
Kettering.

Entry Number	Description of Property	Exhibit Number	Where Found	Found By	Time Logged
1	4 x L191 Blue (x20)	K/NL/1	Behind till	Nick Lenton.	105 pm.
2	3 x Arise Leak Sosh 6 x Golden Virginia Sosh 25 x Malboro Gold (x20) 1x vicar 16 x L191 Forward (x20) (x20) 8 x L191 Blue (x20) (x20) 4 x Malboro Red (x20)	K/NL/2	Concealed brake - winged under counter	Nick Lenton	115 pm
3	2 x Bueber's E-Sw Wraps 7 x Bubble Gum E-Sw Wraps 26 x Swallow E-Sw Wraps 16 x Weaver Kaden E-Sw Wraps 1 x Sun + Smile E-Sw Wraps 20 x Watermelon E-Sw Wraps	L/NL/3	on Shalk behind till	Nick Lenton	130 pm.
4	_____	EMJ	_____	_____	_____