

Agbley, Peter

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Subject: HMRC Statement - Euro Express Review
Attachments: HMRC Statement - Euro Express.pdf

Peter, Robert,

Please find attached HMRC statement.

Peter, Can this be kept restricted as I feel that the names (HMRC officer & [REDACTED]) do not need to be in the public domain.

Regards

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07 WITNESS STATEMENT
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(Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B)

Statement of: [REDACTED] **URN: 88/Code/CAN/YY**

Age if under 18: Over 18 (If over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Officer of HM Revenue & Customs

This statement (consisting of [REDACTED] 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.

Signature: ¹ [REDACTED] Date: 12/06/2018

Indicate if witness evidence is visually recorded² No (If YES, see guidance)

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I am an Officer of HM Revenue & Customs currently employed in an Excise team dealing with traders operating within the alcohol and tobacco sectors. Part of my duties is to visit retailers and inspect their alcohol and tobacco stock in order to establish that they are only dealing in UK duty paid goods.

On 16 August 2018 I was on duty with officers from trading standards, police and colleagues from HM Revenue and Customs at the retail premises Euro Express 23 Queens Parade London N11 3DA, an off licence clearly selling alcohol and tobacco. I entered the premises and explained who I was by showing my ID badge to the person behind the counter who gave his name as [REDACTED]. I explained that I was going to search the shop for alcohol and tobacco products under the power of section 118 of the Customs and Excise management Act 1979. Prior to commencing the search I asked Mr [REDACTED] if there were any duty free or foreign cigarettes on the premises, he said that there were none in the shop. In a coat behind the counter I found, in the pockets and in the lining of the coat 34 packs of Marlboro Gold cigarettes, 2 packs of Marlboro gold hand rolling tobacco and 2 packs of golden Virginia hand rolling tobacco. A further 3 packs of cigarettes were found by the police officers in the pockets of the clothing worn by Mr [REDACTED]. None of the packs of cigarettes or hand rolling tobacco had the UK Fiscal mark printed on them which meant that UK duty had not been paid on these items. In a Sainsbury's carrier bag located on the floor under the

Date: 05/07/2017

Signature: [REDACTED]
(Signature of witness)

Signature: [REDACTED]
(Signature witnessed by)

Statement of: [REDACTED] **URN: 88/Code/CAN/YY**

shelving unit behind the counter were 3 one litre bottles of Smirnoff Vodka that had security tags on them, I brought this to the attention of the police.

In addition to the cigarettes and hand rolling tobacco mentioned above, 6.95 kilogrammes of Shisha (products for water pipes) was also found in the shop. There was no evidence of duty being paid on this product therefore it was seized along with the aforementioned cigarettes and hand rolling tobacco.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Date: 05/07/2017

Signature: [REDACTED]
(Signature of witness)

Signature: [REDACTED]
(Signature witnessed by)

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From: Jim Fraser <[REDACTED]@[REDACTED].com>
Sent: 25 October 2018 10:40
To: LicensingAdmin
Subject: Euro Express

To the Licensing Committee

I am writing in support of the subject premises.

I have been a regular customer of this store for a number of years and over that time have built a rapport with the owners and staff. They are always friendly, hardworking and conscientious.

My purchases are varied and often include a bottle of wine and a bag of ice.

Reassuringly, I have witnessed the staff challenge customers wishing to purchase either alcohol or tobacco to produce identification with proof of age and to refuse service if said documentation was not forthcoming. As a result of this, myself and others have on occasions been approached outside by youths to request that we buy these items on their behalf, such requests have of course been refused.

This shop is important to the community not just for convenience but for the service provided which goes beyond the expected norm - they have even offered to help carry my shopping home!

Yours,

James Fraser
Hollyfield Avenue
N11 [REDACTED]

