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Importance: High

Hi Michael

My colleague has drawn my attention to the fact that Mr Malhotra was effectively interviewed a second time as he was also interviewed as representative of the limited company.

Within that second interview the following is discussed:

DB: So can you give me an explanation from the company about those seizures?

NSM: Seizures. As in the company shouldn't really be selling these products that is not UK duty paid. So

DB: What precautions does the company take to ensure that illegal tobacco is not sold from the premises?

NSM: Basically, only buying from the supplier that is VAT registered. So, we shouldn't really be selling the illegal tobacco or cigarettes in the shop

DB: And does the company understand that having those products on the premises does not comply with the licensing rule and the licence it holds?

NSM: Yes it does know. It's not allowed to sell these under the premises licence as well.

DB: So, if the company understands that, can you just explain to me briefly why those products were purchased.

NSM: As a few customers asked for me so that's why I got from one person and I just made a very big mistake to be honest. We shouldn't really be selling this. It's not duty paid tobacco and cigarettes.

I believe this is relevant and should be included in the review. I don't think it can be dealt with by amplification of my the original application and so should be considered as supporting information in accordance with Regulation 18 of The Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005.

Many thanks and apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Best wishes

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