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FINAL WRITTEN WARNING

Dear Mr. Singh,

I am writing this letter in response to my licensing visit at **Winemart, 48 High Road, Willesden, London, NW10 2QA** on Thursday 24th September, when the premises was open to the public and alcohol was on sale.

My attention was drawn to your premise, as the front door was wide open and when I walked past, I notice a young child (aged around 7 or 8 years old) stood on her own, behind the serving side of the counter till area. On the opposite side was an adult male stood talking to her. I went inside and spoke with the male who identified himself as a police officer. Mr. Getenet Amene told me that he was the shop manager. He told me that the child was his daughter. I enquired as to why she was not at school. He said that her school had a teacher training day and that his wife had a doctor's appointment. He did not wish to miss his shift, so he took his child to work with him. I pointed out that there is no harm in taking her to work with him, but having her behind the counter area on her own in an off-licence (despite the fact he was stood opposite her) undermines the protection of children from harm licensing objective, in my opinion. My point was proven when a customer came into the off licence and asked her for a packet of cigarettes. Mr. Amene swiftly removed her and served the customer himself. His child was later picked up by his wife and taken home. I appreciate that there were no offences committed on this occasion, but it is something to be mindful of in the future. I would suggest, and best practice would dictate, that no person under the age of 18 is allowed behind the serving side of your counter in the future, and that you make all staff aware of this.

Whilst in your shop, I decided to carry out a full licensing visit. The following breaches of your premises licence were discovered;

1. There was no sign reading, 'No proof of age - No sale'. **This breaches condition number one (1) of your premises licence.** *A sign must be placed up at the point of sale reading the exact words as above.*

2. Mr. Amene was unaware of how your age verification policy works. There were no 'Challenge 21/25' posters displayed. **This breaches condition number two (2) of your premises licence.** Free posters can be found at www.challenge25.org Please ensure that all staff understand your age verification policy and that it is implemented.

3. The following were stocked within your premise: IN CHILLER CABINET (BOTTLES): 1. Jaipur Ale (5.9%) 2. Raven IPA (6.6%) 3. Thirsty Cross Cider (6.9%). 4. Aspoll Organic Cider (7.0%) 5. Leffe Beer (75cl 6.6%) 6. Desperados (5.9%) 7. Desperados Red (5.9%) 8. Duvel (8.5%) 9. Chimay Ale Red (7.0%) 10. Chimay Ale Blue (9.0%). CANS IN CHILLER CABINET: 1. Warka Strong (6.5%) 2. Zubr (6.0%) 3. Zywier (5.6%) 4. Desperados (6.0%) 5. Perla (6.0%) 6. Debowe (7.0%). ON SHELVES: 1. Guinness West Indies Porter (6%) 2. Torpedo Extra IPA Beer (7.2%) 3. Leffe Beer (6.6% 330ml). **This breaches condition number eight (8) of your premises licence.** These items are not permitted to be sold in your shop. I am aware that these have now been removed by your staff. I would suggest that you personally oversee all stock purchasing and ensure that only products at 5.5% ABV and under are stocked.

4. There was no time delay safe with anti fishing mechanism fitted to your counter till area. **This breaches condition number ten (10) of your premises licence.** To comply with this condition you need to purchase a safe with the correct requirements and it should be placed under your counter till area. Police cannot recommend suppliers, but these can be found for around £100-£200 on the internet.

5. There was no incident book. **This breaches condition number nine (9) of your premises licence.** Licensing incident books can be found on the internet. Alternatively, you can use an A4 book and record incidents, as listed on your premises licence.

On Monday 12th October 2015, I met with you to discuss these breaches in full. You informed me that these issues will be rectified. Further, you told me that you wish to sell premium Belgium beers and as such have submitted a full variation application to the London borough of Brent.

In relation to these breaches, I am aware that you have already been issued a warning letter by PC McDonald back in January 2015. Having given some consideration to the fact that you are addressing these issues and have worked positively with police in order to resolve these issues, please accept this letter as a final written warning. I must point out that any subsequent breach will result in police considering applying to the local authority for a review of your premises license.

If you wish to discuss the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me using the above methods.

Yours Sincerely,

PC 782QK WHITCOMB
Brent Police Licensing Officer