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Re: Tropical Café - Bar, 68 High Road, NW10 2PU

Dear Mr. Costa,

I write to you in relation to my licensing visit at your premises on Friday 14th July 2017. As I was passing your premises I noticed there was a menu on display in the window advertising alcohol for sale.

I went into the café and noticed that there was a triple draught beer pump at the counter, with Sagres, Super Bock and Sangria advertised for sale. I spoke to Ms. Marina Oliveira, a member of your staff. I asked to inspect your premises licence which authorises you to sell alcohol. Ms. Oliveira informed me that the premises was in the process for applying for a licence and pointed towards a blue notice on display in the window. The notice indicated that an application had been made to Brent Council, on the 23rd June 2017, in relation to a licence to sell alcohol and the sale of late night refreshment. I contacted Brent council licensing office and they informed me that they had not received any premises licence application in relation to 68 High Road, NW10. Ms. Oliveira contacted you by telephone and then made me aware that you had made the application through a third party (licensing agent) who supplied you with the blue notices to display in the window. Ms. Oliveira was of the opinion that the blue notices allowed you to sell alcohol in the interim. I informed her that this is **not** the case and that the premises must stop selling alcohol until a premises licence is obtained. In the meantime, you may consider submitting temporary event notices if you wish to sell alcohol pending your premises licence. Ms. Oliveira covered the alcohol pumps and removed the menus from display in the window. She allowed me to take a copy of the spare blue notice so that I could show Brent council licensing to try and resolve the matter.

Since my visit, I have made contact with your licensing agent, Manuel, and he has informed me that the confusion was caused by an admin error. He assured me that the matter is now resolved.

In relation to this matter, I must point out the following to you:

1. A blue notice does not authorise you to sell, supply alcohol or carry out any licensable activity.
2. Alcohol must not be sold or supplied until you receive your premises licence or you have submitted a temporary event notice to Brent council.
3. Selling or supplying alcohol without an authority in place is a criminal offence contrary to s. 136 Licensing Act 2003. The penalty upon conviction is up to six months imprisonment and/or an unlimited fine.

I look forward to receiving your new premises licence application and fully appreciate your co-operation with this matter.

Yours Sincerely,

PC 782QK Paul WHITCOMB
Brent Police Licensing Constable