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Dear Mrs Gumala

Notification of Intention to Undertake Test Purchasing Exercise

Wiltshire Council Trading Standards service enforce the laws relating to the sale of age restricted products to children including items such as knives, tobacco and alcohol. I am writing to inform you that, in the near future, officers from this Department will be conducting test purchases of age restricted items using underage volunteers. It is possible your premises will be visited.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you and your staff to be diligent at all times, and request identification to show proof of age where necessary, to prevent the sale of items to those underage. As an employer you are responsible for ensuring all employees are trained and familiar with your own procedures. Therefore if you, or your staff, doubt whether a customer is of age, or whether their ID is genuine, **refuse to sell**. You do not have to give a reason.

In the past trading standards has supplied businesses with training materials. An online training resource has been developed for retailers of age restricted products. If you would like further information on complying with underage sales legislation please see www.swercots.org.uk/NPOANS.

I must warn you that any sales made during this exercise will be viewed most seriously and if found guilty of selling age restricted products to those underage, your staff could receive an £80 penalty notice for disorder (for alcohol only) and you could face a fine of up to £10,000 and/or possibly have your licence revoked.

It is not necessary for you to respond to this letter but please do not hesitate to contact us on 01225 713286 should you require any further advice or information.

Yours sincerely

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Identification of Exhibit Criminal Procedure Rules R27

This is the: **LETTER TO MALGORZATA GUMALA (ENGLISH)**

Referred to in my statement dated: **13/11/14**

As Exhibit Number: **EAC1** Signed: **EA Carroll**

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