

Action Taken In Newcastle under Lyme by Trading Standards.

1. Illicit alcohol was taken from the premise. The spirit was tested by the public analyst and was classified as not being fit for consumption due to the high methanol content. The owner of the business was interviewed and formal enforcement was sanctioned.
2. Illicit alcohol was taken from the premise. The spirit was tested by the public analyst and was classified as not being fit for consumption due to the high methanol content. The owner of the business was interviewed and the investigation file is currently being finalised, prior to meeting with the head of service to discuss the options regarding formal action.
3. Illicit alcohol was taken from the premise. The spirit was tested by the public analyst and was classified as not being fit for consumption due to the high methanol content. The owner of the business has been interviewed and the investigation file is currently being finalised, prior to meeting with the head of service to discuss the options regarding formal action.
4. Illicit alcohol was taken from the premise. The spirit was tested by the public analyst and was classified as not being fit for consumption due to the high methanol content. The owner of the business and Licence holder/DPS has been interviewed and the investigation file is currently being finalised, prior to meeting with the head of service to discuss the options regarding formal action.
5. Both illicit and counterfeit alcohol was taken from the premise. The illicit spirit has been tested by the public analyst and has been classified as not being fit for consumption due to the high methanol content. Confirmation has also been received from brand holder to confirm that the spirit drink has counterfeit back labels. The owner of the business has been interviewed and the investigation file is currently being finalised, prior to meeting with the head of service to discuss the options regarding formal action.
6. 1 bottle of counterfeit alcohol was seized. The premise owner has been interviewed and the investigation file is almost complete. Awaiting a meeting with head of service.
7. Counterfeit alcohol was taken from the premise. Confirmation has also been received from brand holder to confirm that the spirit drink has counterfeit back labels. The DPS has been interviewed. Investigation report is pending completion.
8. Counterfeit alcohol was taken from the premise. The interview was delayed due to awaiting formal confirmation from the brand holder. However, confirmation has now been received and accordingly an interview will be arranged shortly.

APPENDIX A

9. Counterfeit alcohol was taken from the premise. Confirmation has been received from brand holder to confirm that the spirit drink has counterfeit back labels. This premise will be interviewed shortly; other premises have been prioritised in favour of illicit of product and due to limitation period.