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CERTIFICATE
Under Section 53a(1)(b) of the Licensing Act 2003

*Delete as applicable.

I hereby certify that in my opinion the premises described below are associated with serious crime.

Premises details
Premises (include business name and address and any other relevant identifying details):
Gusto 12-14 Strathmore Drive, Leeds, LS9 6AB
I am a (insert rank of officer giving the certificate, which must be superintendent or above): <i>Superintendent</i>
in the West Yorkshire Police Force.

Optional

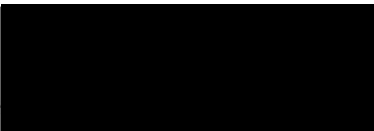
I am giving this certificate because I am of the opinion that other procedures under the Licensing Act are inappropriate in this case, because:

(Give brief description of why other procedures such as a standard review process are thought to be inappropriate, e.g. the degree of seriousness of the crime and/or disorder, the past history of compliance in relation to the premises concerned).

On the 18th April 2024, a joint operation was carried out at Gusto Market with trading standards and other agencies. During the visit, 2 males were seen to jump out of the flat windows located above Gusto. Officers gained entry to the flat and recovered a substantial amount of illicit and illegal vapes and cigarettes from the flat along with large amounts of cash. Evidence located in the flat showed that the goods were believed to have been stored for Gusto, and to be sold in Gusto. Walkie Talkies were present in both the store and the flat suggesting levels of sophistication and organisation to carry out this operation.

The sale of illicit tobacco and vapes occurs in a number of shops in the area. This activity requires large amounts of goods to be smuggled from Eastern Europe and beyond requiring a number of people to be involved in pursuit of a common purpose. This is believed to be organised crime.

Gusto was formerly known as Baba Jaga 2. This premises has been subject to a previous standard review. The standard review process has not been of sufficient deterrent and therefore necessitates a summary review as part of a stepped approach. The premises is failing to uphold the licensing objectives and this review is necessary to protect public safety, prevent serious crime and disorder and to protect children from harm.

Signed:..		<i>Supt. P. Wood</i>	Date: <i>21/05/24</i>
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