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Pedlar's Certificate No[redacted]

Dear Sir/Madame,

I write as a craftsman/businessman and police certified pedlar concerned by the Department for Business Innovation and Skills (B.I.S) consultation regarding the draft regulation to repeal the Pedlar's Acts and make changes to Street Trading. (URN 12/605) As I have only just become aware of this process I find it alarming to realize that pedlars and the general public as a whole are somewhat in the dark concerning B.I.S intentions.

If the department gets its way then town and city centers will be deemed off limits to "exempted" pedlars (regardless if they are certified or not) by Local Authority implementation of a Street Trading consent regime. (regulation 5 of the draft). Pedlars will be pushed to the periphery where they will be unable to work adequately to maintain a standard of living. Pedlary will be all but over affecting an estimated 4500 police certified pedlars, their families and dependents. In short, contrary to what is proposed and contrary to the amended (since 2008) Code of Consultation Practice this amounts to no more than a stealth orchestrated attack designed to keep pedlars off the streets of our towns and cities and ultimately, put pedlars out of business.

Moreover on reading the consultation document it is apparent that by selective use of the European Services Directive and over reaching influence of unbalanced Local Authority opinion, it is plainly obvious that the consultation, not only fails to ensure the engagement of all stakeholders but also, it is fundamentally flawed from outset and weighted with bias which inevitably begs many questions. Here are two.

1/ Why has B.I.S failed to connect and liaise with every Police force in the United Kingdom to attain a list of all authorized pedlars and inform them of the governments intended action?

2/ Why is it that the majority of Pedlars are unaware of the draft regulation, when consultation principles demand that policy makers should reach out and ensure the capture of all stakeholders?

I repeat the consultation is flawed. Therefore I urge in the politest yet strongest terms that the consultation for the above draft regulation be withdrawn, revoked and replaced with a new, open and transparent process. A process which has sufficient time to engage all stakeholders concerning the Amendment of the Pedlars Act, not the repeal, and to clearly outline the full implication of any and all action considered and ultimately taken by policy makers.

Yours sincerely.

S. Watkins