Street trading commodities and services

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Street trading licensing - Guidance note

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Purpose and aim

This guidance to assist street traders with which commodities can be sold under a street trading licence.

The following list does not endorse any particular commodity as being desirable with regards to licence applications, nor does it rank commodities in order of preference.

This list is not exhaustive, but includes the most popular commodities licensed and requested.

Licence holders may sell in any quantity they desire.

Commodities and services

- Craft supplies includes art supplies, model construction, candle making and needlecraft
- Art work includes finished photographs, paintings, and frames
- Haberdashery includes trimmings, elastics, fasteners and sewing threads
- Books includes antiquarian and collectable books but excludes offensive or 'adult' books
- Tarot card readings including crystal ball and runes readings
- Collectable Toys for example Star Wars, Corgi, Dinky cars, and Matchbox
- Stationery includes card, paper, blank books, pens, ink, refill cartridges and pencils
- Hair accessories includes combs, brushes and hair styling products and adornments
- Fruit and Vegetables
- Flowers and plants includes artificial flowers & plants and plant & flower care products
- Clothing (except footwear, hosiery, underwear and clothing accessories)
- Clothing accessories includes hats, gloves, scarves, belts and umbrellas

- Footwear includes shoes, sandals, trainers, slippers, boots and shoe accessories
- Hosiery and Underwear includes items of clothing such as pants, tights, socks and exercise tights
- Household goods includes bed linen, towels and curtains
- Fabrics uncut lengths, pre-packed cut unfinished lengths, rolls and swatches of fabric
- Pet foods and supplies (excluding live animals)
- Audio and electrical goods (second-hand electrical goods are prohibited).
- Jewellery includes costume and precious jewellery, watches and clocks
- Leather goods includes handbags, sport bags, cases, belts and purses
- Tools and car accessories includes DIY equipment, and gardening tools
- Wrapping paper and cards includes presentation bags and boxes, bows, tags and tape
- Souvenirs includes pop and sport memorabilia
- Sports equipment
- Jokes includes tricks and hen & stag night accessories (excluding offensive or 'adult' items)
- Home brewing includes wine making supplies
- Lighters includes matches and refill fuels
- Toys excludes toy & replica guns and offensive or 'adult' items
- Hot Food includes such items as chips, burgers, sausages and hot plate fried foods



- Cold Food includes such items as bakery products and sandwiches
- Hot Beverage includes tea, coffee and soup but excluding drinks of an alcoholic nature
- Cold Beverage includes water and minerals but excluding drinks of an alcoholic nature
- Confectionery includes crisps, chocolate, sweets, biscuits and flour confectionery*
- Groceries includes containers of milk, bread, tinned foods, tea bags and sugar
- Ice cream includes hard scoop and soft serve, cones and toppings
- Cigarettes includes cigars, tobacco papers and rolling, pipe & chewing tobacco
- Smoking accessories includes pipes, cigar guillotine and cases but excluding lighters
- Novelty items any person listing 'novelty items' as a commodity should provide clarification of items to be sold.
- Seasonal items any person listing 'seasonal items' as a commodity should provide clarification of items to be sold.

* "Flour confectionery" includes shortbread, sponges, crumpets, muffins, macaroons, ratafias, pastry and pastry cases, meringues, petits fours and uncooked pastry and pastry cases. It does not include bread, pizzas, or any food containing a filling which has as an ingredient such as cheese, meat and/or fish.

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