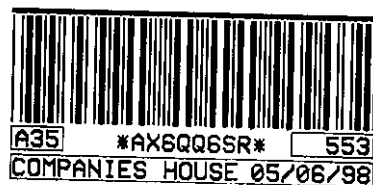


BEST IMPORTS LIMITED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 1997

REGISTERED NUMBER 02659167



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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 1997

DIRECTORS

Mr G Alfano
Mrs R Alfano

SECRETARY

Mrs R Alfano

REGISTERED OFFICE

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COMPANY NUMBER

02659167

AUDITORS

Ifield Keene Associates
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BEST IMPORTS LIMITED
DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 1997

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 October 1997.

DIRECTORS RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:-

- 1) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- 2) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- 3) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the company continued to be importers and wholesalers of confectionery.

DIRECTORS

The directors who served during the year are shown below:

Mr G Alfano
Mrs R Alfano

The directors' beneficial interests in the issued ordinary share capital were as follows:

	1997	1996
	No.	No.
Mr G Alfano	1	1
Mrs R Alfano	1	1

AUDITORS

The auditors, Ifield Keene Associates, are deemed to be reappointed in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 1985 by virtue of an elective resolution passed by the members on 31 March 1998.

SMALL COMPANY EXEMPTIONS

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

This report was approved by the board on 31 March 1998 and signed on their behalf.

Signed
G Alfano



AUDITORS' REPORT
TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF
BEST IMPORTS LIMITED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 1997

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 8 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 7.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs at 31 October 1997 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies.



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31 March 1998

BEST IMPORTS LIMITED
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 1997

	Notes	1997 £	1996 £
TURNOVER	2		
Continuing operations		3,718,421	3,390,651
Cost of sales		2,606,510	2,351,821
GROSS PROFIT		1,111,911	1,038,830
Net operating expenses		881,517	890,502
OPERATING PROFIT			
Continuing operations		230,394	148,328
Interest receivable and similar income		6,508	3,731
Interest payable and similar charges		(749)	(1,981)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		236,153	150,078
Tax on ordinary activities	3	52,652	40,346
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		183,501	109,732
RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		£ 183,501	£ 109,732

The notes on pages 7 to 8 form part of these financial statements

BEST IMPORTS LIMITED
BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 OCTOBER 1997

	Note	1997 £	1996 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	4	118,465	114,751
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock	5	313,077	289,741
Debtors	6	572,123	648,795
Cash at bank and in hand		138,506	9,417
		<u>1,023,706</u>	<u>947,953</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>541,213</u>	<u>643,818</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>482,493</u>	<u>304,135</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>600,958</u>	<u>418,886</u>
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES		-	1,429
NET ASSETS		<u>£ 600,958</u>	<u>£ 417,457</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	8	2	2
Profit and loss account		600,956	417,455
TOTAL EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS		<u>£ 600,958</u>	<u>£ 417,457</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Small Entities.

The accounts were approved by the board of directors on 31 March 1998

G Alfano, Director



The notes on pages 7 to 8 form part of these financial statements

BEST IMPORTS LIMITED
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 1997

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1a. Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

1b. Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are shown at historical cost.

Depreciation is provided, after taking account of any grants receivable, at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life by the reducing balance method.

	1997	1996
	%	%
Motor vehicles	25	25
Fixtures and equipment	15	15
Equipment	15	15

1c. Turnover

Turnover comprises the value of sales (excluding VAT and similar taxes and trade discounts) of goods and services in the normal course of business.

2. TURNOVER

Turnover and profit on ordinary activities before taxation are attributable to the printing of newspapers and similar products.

3. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

	1997	1996
	£	£
Corporation tax at 21% / 24%	52,652	40,346
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	£ 52,652	£ 40,346
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BEST IMPORTS LIMITED
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 1997

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to Premises £	Motor Vehicles £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 November 1996	7,155	131,454	77,026	11,914	227,549
Additions	-	44,665	-	3,822	48,487
Disposals	-	(14,600)	-	-	(14,600)
At 31 October 1997	7,155	161,519	77,026	15,736	261,436
Depreciation					
At 1 November 1996	-	72,016	36,882	3,900	112,798
For the year	-	22,376	6,022	1,775	30,173
At 31 October 1997	-	94,392	42,904	5,675	142,971
Net Book Amounts					
At 31 October 1997	£ 7,155	£ 67,127	£ 34,122	£ 10,061	£ 118,465
At 31 October 1996	£ 7,155	£ 59,438	£ 40,144	£ 8,014	£ 114,751

5. STOCK

	1997 £	1996 £
Stock comprises:		
Stock	313,077	289,741
	£ 313,077	£ 289,741

6. DEBTORS

	1997 £	1996 £
Trade debtors	570,537	648,795
UK corporation tax	1,586	-
	£ 572,123	£ 648,795

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	1997 £	1996 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	60,522
Corporation tax	-	40,346
Trade and sundry creditors	541,213	542,950
	£ 541,213	£ 643,818

8. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	1997 £	1996 £
Authorised:		
1000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	£ 1,000	£ 1,000
Allotted, issued and fully paid:		
2 Ordinary shares of £1 each	£ 2	£ 2