

Decision number: 17/OFF/001/2024

**IN THE MATTER** of the Sale and Supply of  
Alcohol Act 2012 (the Act)

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of an application by  
**GENERAL DISTRIBUTORS  
LIMITED** pursuant to Section  
127 of the Act for the renewal  
of an OFF Licence in respect  
of premises situated at 11  
Mackenzie Street, Putaruru  
known as '**COUNTDOWN  
PUTARURU**'

**BEFORE THE SOUTH WAIKATO DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**The Application**

**GENERAL DISTRIBUTORS LIMITED** applies for the renewal of an OFF Licence in respect of premises situated at 11 Mackenzie Street (Tirau Street), Putaruru known as '**COUNTDOWN PUTARURU**'.

The general nature of the business is that of a Countdown franchised store of over 1000 square metres with aisles, trolleys and carry baskets. It stocks a full range of food products and other household goods.

The current hours are **Monday to Sunday 7.00am to 11.00pm**. No changes are sought.

The application was notified in the South Waikato News on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2024 and no objections were received from members of the public.

The alcohol is displayed in a single alcohol area (SAA) in part of the store away from main thoroughfares and away from direct access to the checkouts. The SAA is identified in the refreshed plan dated the 15 February 2024.

Neither the Police nor the Medical Officer of Health oppose the renewal of this licence.

## **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The application is complete and contains all the necessary documentary evidence as required under s.127 of the Act and its regulations. It was duly advertised, and no public objection or opposition was received.

Neither the Police nor the Medical Officer of Health have lodged any matters in opposition.

The Committee is satisfied that the business is that of a supermarket and has a well-defined Single Alcohol Area. We are satisfied that this SAA limits exposure of alcohol to shoppers as far as reasonably practicable.

Overall, I am satisfied as to the matters to which we must have regard as set out in s.112-115, 131 of the Act.

Accordingly, I deal with the matter on the papers.

## **DECISION**

The District Licensing Committee Chairman, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, **approves** an application by **GENERAL DISTRIBUTORS LIMITED** for the renewal of an OFF Licence in respect of premises situated at 11 Mackenzie Street (Tirau Street), Putaruru known as **'COUNTDOWN PUTARURU'** subject to conditions.

### **Conditions:**

The licence is subject to the following conditions:

1. Alcohol may be sold on, or delivered from, the premises for consumption off the premises and supplied free as a sample for consumption on the premises, only on the following days and hours:  
**Monday to Sunday 7.00am to 11.00pm;**
2. No alcohol is to be sold on or delivered from the premises on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Christmas Day or before 1.00 pm on Anzac Day;
3. No alcohol may be sold other than –
  - i. beer that complies with the appropriate New Zealand food standard for beer; or
  - ii. mead that complies with the appropriate New Zealand food standard for mead; or

- iii. fruit or vegetable wine that complies with the appropriate New Zealand food standard for fruit or vegetable wine; or
  - iv. grape wine that complies with the appropriate New Zealand food standard for grape wine;
  - v. or a food flavouring, prepared for culinary purposes, that is unsuitable for drinking undiluted;
4. While alcohol is being supplied free as a sample, water is to be provided to patrons at no cost from a water supply prominently situated on the premises;
5. The Licensee must have available for purchase on the premises, at all times when the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol, a reasonable range of non-alcoholic and low-alcohol beverages.
6. A properly appointed Certificated, or Acting or Temporary, Manager must be on duty, at or nearby the point of sale, at all times when the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol.
7. The Licensee must display signage as follows:
- i. At every point of sale detailing restrictions on the sale and supply of alcohol to minors and intoxicated persons;
  - ii. A copy of the licence attached to the inside of the premises so as to be easily read by people entering each principal entrance to the premises; and
  - iii. A sign prominently displayed at the premises, which identifies by name the manager for the time being on duty.
8. The “single alcohol area” for the premises is as described on the plan dated 15 February 2024. The licensee must ensure that:
- i. No alcohol is displayed, promoted or advertised outside the single alcohol area; and
  - ii. No products other than alcohol, low-alcohol and non-alcoholic beer, wine or mead are displayed, promoted or advertised inside the single alcohol area.

**A renewal will be for three (3) years from the expiry date of the current licence and a replacement Licence is to issue.**

**DATED** at TOKOROA this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Murray Clearwater', with a long, sweeping underline.

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**Murray Clearwater  
Chairperson/Commissioner  
South Waikato District Licensing Committee**