

Decision No. GREYDLC 224/2023

**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 s.127 of the Act for the  
renewal of an Off-Licence in  
respect of premises situated at 174  
Mawhera Quay, Greymouth known  
as "Countdown Greymouth"

**BEFORE THE GREY DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

This is an application by General Distributors Ltd for the renewal of the OFF-Licence in respect of premises situated at 174 Mawhera Quay, Greymouth and known as "Countdown Greymouth".

The applicant holds a current Off-licence number 055/OFF/86/2017 with licensed hours of Monday to Sunday 7am - 9pm and 18-24 December each year 7am - 10pm.

The applicant is a private company incorporated on 30 September 1987, number 9429039564153. The sole owner/shareholder is Woolworths New Zealand Limited and the directors are James Burton Radcliffe, Stephen John Leigh Harrison and Spencer Grant Sonn.

The general nature of the business is that of a supermarket which stocks a full range of food, produce and household items.

The premise is zoned as commercial in the Grey District Plan and this activity is permitted within this zone.

The principal entrance is from the Countdown carpark, 174 Mawhera Quay, Greymouth.

The whole premises is designated as undesignated, as per the plan attached to the application.

**DECISION**

The Grey District Licensing Committee Chairperson, acting pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, **grants** an application by General Distributors Limited for the renewal of an Off-Licence pursuant to s.100 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, in respect of premises situated at 174 Mawhera Quay, Greymouth and known as "Countdown Greymouth", subject to the following conditions:

**CONDITIONS OF LICENCE**

1. Alcohol may be sold on the premises for consumption off the premises and supplied free as a sample for consumption on the premises on the following days and during the following hours:
  - a. Monday to Sunday - 7am to 9pm
  - b. 18-24 December each year - 7am to 10pm
2. No alcohol is to be sold on or delivered from the premises on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Christmas Day or before 1pm on Anzac Day.
3. When alcohol is being supplied free as a sample, water is to be provided free of charge at the place where the samples are being supplied.
4. No alcohol may be sold other than -
  - a. Beer that complies with the applicable New Zealand food standard for beer; or
  - b. Mead that complies with the applicable New Zealand food standard for mead; or
  - c. Fruit or vegetable wine that complies with the applicable New Zealand food standard for fruit or vegetable wine; or
  - d. Grape wine that complies with the applicable New Zealand food standard for grape wine; or
  - e. A food flavouring, prepared for culinary purposes, that is unsuitable for drinking undiluted.
5. 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.
6. The Licensee must display signage as follows:
  - a. At every point of sale detailing restrictions on the sale and supply of alcohol to minors and intoxicated persons;
  - b. A copy of the licence attached to the inside of the premises so as to be easily read by people entering each principle entrance to the premises; and
  - c. A sign prominently displayed at the premises, which identifies by name the manager for the time being on duty.
7. The "single alcohol area" for the premises is as described on the plan dated 27 September 2023. A note to this effect is to be made on the licence.
8. The "single alcohol area" for the premises is as shown on the plan submitted by the applicant. In terms of that single alcohol area, the licensee must ensure that:
  - a. No alcohol is displayed, promoted or advertised outside the single alcohol area; and
  - b. No products that are not alcohol are displayed, promoted or advertised inside the single alcohol area.
9. The whole of the premises is undesignated.

10. The licence is subject to the payment of licence fees as required by the Sales and Alcohol (fees) Regulations 2013.

**The premise licensed area is set out on the plan submitted with the application and date stamped 27 September 2023 and attached at Appendix A to this decision. A note to this effect is to be made on the licence.**

### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The applicant has operated their Off-licence without incident or cause for concern since their last renewal.

There have been no changes or variations to the layout of the premises since their last renewal.

The applicant's thorough application provides evidence of an appropriate Host Responsibility Policy and staff training programme. There are 8 certified duty managers listed.

The Licensing Inspector, in her report, advises that the applicant has the appropriate systems, staff and training to comply with the law.

The Licensing Inspectors report also indicates that the amenity and good order of the locality will not be adversely affected by more than a minor extent should this application be granted, and that the applicant is suitable to hold this licence. She does not oppose the application.

Police and the Medical Officer of Health raise no matters in opposition.

The application was duly advertised and no objection, opposition or notice of desire to be heard has been received. Accordingly, I deal with the matter on the papers.

There is no evidence before the Committee which would suggest that the applicant would manage the premises in any way which would contravene the requirements or intention of the Act.

Overall I am satisfied as to the matters to which we must have regard as set out in s.131 and s.132 of the Act.

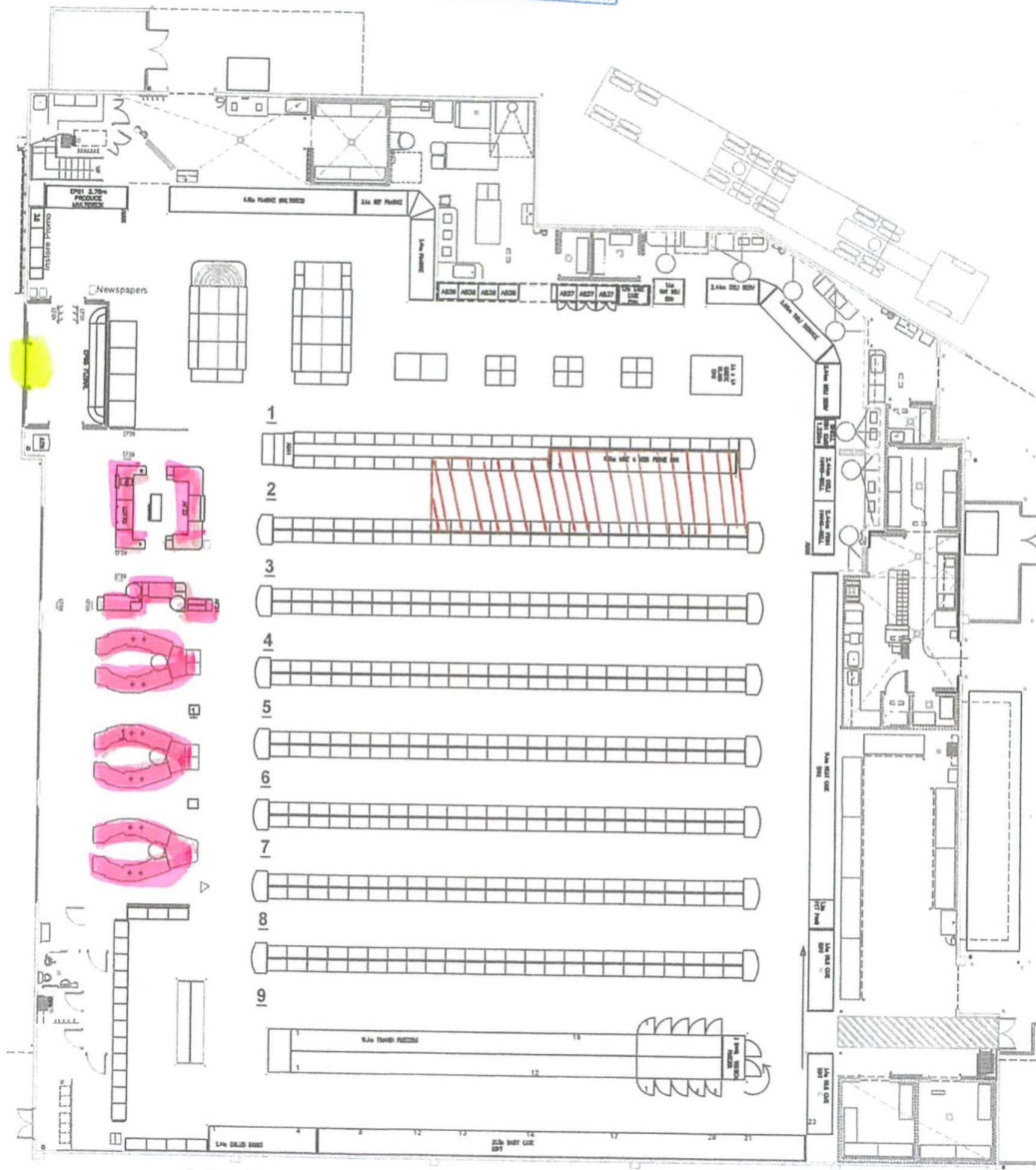
**DATED** at GREYMOUTH this 6th day of November 2023


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Rachel M Van der Geest  
Chairperson/Commissioner


# APPENDIX A



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 SINGLE  
ACCESS  
AREA

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OF  
SALE

 = ENTRY