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Dear Mr Jae Chun

Application No.	APP-0010013272
Applicant	Min Kyung Lee
Application for	Packaged liquor licence
Licence name	MPlus Mart
Trading hours	Monday to Saturday 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM Sunday 10:00 AM – 09:00 PM
Premises	9-11 Rochester St Homebush NSW 2140
Legislation	Sections 3, 11A, 12, 29-31, 40, 44, 45, 48 of the <i>Liquor Act 2007</i>

**Decision of the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority
Application for a Packaged liquor licence – MPlus Mart**

The Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority considered the application above, and decided on 19 August 2022 to **approve** the application under section 45 of the *Liquor Act 2007*, subject to imposing conditions as set out in Schedule 1.

Trading on a Sunday that falls on 24 December

In the case of any Sunday that falls on 24 December, the 6-hour closure period overrides the statutory provision that would otherwise allow the licence to trade from 8:00 am. In accordance with the 6-hour closure period for the current licence, the Premises must not trade earlier than 10:00 am.

Concise statement of reasons

A concise statement of reasons for this decision is attached at the end of this letter.

In the interest of efficient finalisation of determined matters in a high-volume liquor and gaming jurisdiction, the Authority will only produce a detailed statement of reasons for applications which are refused, partially approved or the subject of stakeholder objections.

A concise statement of reasons is produced for non-contested applications that have been approved by the Authority, in cases where a statement of reasons is required to be published for the application under section 36C of the *Gaming and Liquor Administration Act 2007*.

The concise statement of reasons briefly sets out the material considered by the Authority, the legislative requirements, and the Authority's key findings.

If you have any questions, please contact the case manager, Zof El Hussein, at zof.el.husseini@liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au.

Yours faithfully



Murray Smith

Deputy Chairperson

For and on behalf of the **Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority**

Important Information:

In accordance with section 13A of the *Gaming and Liquor Administration Act 2007* a relevant person (the Applicant or a person who was required to be notified of the prescribed Application and who made a submission to the Authority or the Secretary in respect of the prescribed Application) who is aggrieved by this decision may apply to NCAT for an administrative review under the *Administrative Decisions Review Act 1997*.

An application to NCAT must be made within 28 days of notice of this decision being published on the [Liquor & Gaming NSW website](#) and be accompanied by the fee prescribed by the regulations.

For more information please contact the NCAT Registry at Level 10 John Maddison Tower, 86-90 Goulburn Street Sydney. The [NCAT website](#).

Concise statement of reasons

Key facts

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Application date	25 April 2022
Decision	Approved under section 45 of the <i>Liquor Act 2007</i>
Decision date	19 August 2022

Material considered by the Authority

The Authority has considered the following material in determining the application:

- Application material, including evidence of notification to specified stakeholders and the community about the application;
- Category B community impact statement;
- Premises plan setting out the proposed boundaries of the licensed premises and any applicable authorisations;
- Plan of management for the licensed business at the premises;
- Development consent for the premises;
- Statistics sourced from Liquor & Gaming NSW, Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, NSW Health and Australian Bureau of Statistics in respect of the socio-economic status, liquor licence density, alcohol-related crimes rates, and health issues in the relevant local and broader communities; and
- Stakeholder submissions in relation to the application, and the applicant's response to those submissions.

Legislative requirements

The Authority has considered the application in the context of the following sections of the *Liquor Act 2007*, and the associated clauses of the Liquor Regulation 2018:

- Section 3: Statutory objects of the Act and relevant considerations.
- Sections 11A and 12: Standard trading period for liquor licences and a mandatory 6-hour period during which liquor cannot be sold.
- Sections 29-31: Specific provisions in respect of a packaged liquor licence.
- Section 40: Minimum procedural requirements for a liquor licence application to be validly made.
- Section 44: Submissions to Authority in relation to licence applications.
- Section 45: Criteria for granting a liquor licence.
- Section 48: Requirements in respect of a CIS, including a requirement that the Authority must not approve the application unless it is satisfied, having regard to the CIS and other available information, that the overall social impact of doing so will not be detrimental to the well-being of the local or broader community.

The Authority has also had regard to its Guideline 6 in considering the overall social impact of approving the application pursuant to section 48 of the Act.

Key findings

In accordance with its Guideline 6, the Authority finds that the relevant local community for the purposes of this decision is the suburb of Homebush, and the broader community is the Local Government Area of Strathfield.

Positive social impacts

The Authority is satisfied on the material before it that the proposal set out in the application, if approved, would likely benefit the local and broader communities through the provision of:

- increased convenience and choice;
- specialised liquor products produced in South Korea and Japan and
- a new specialised service to residents and business owners.

Negative social impacts

The Authority accepts that the proposal may, over time, contribute to an increase in alcohol-related harm in the local and broader communities, including alcohol-fuelled violence, health problems and/or social and amenity issues, having regard to:

- one objection from a member of the public raising concerns of the density of liquor outlets in the area and the close proximity to a school
- the premises being located within a high-density hotspot for incidents of malicious damage to property
- the suburb of Homebush is located in a medium-density hotspot for incidents of domestic and non-domestic assault
- higher than average licence saturation of packaged liquor licenses in Homebush compared to NSW

The Authority is nevertheless satisfied that these risk factors are sufficiently mitigated by the following:

- there are no agency objections
- there are lower saturation rates of packaged liquor licences in the Strathfield LGA compared to NSW
- the crime rates for alcohol-related domestic assault, alcohol-related non-domestic assault, malicious damage and alcohol-related disorderly conduct are lower in both Homebush and the Strathfield LGA compared to NSW
- the rates of alcohol-attributable hospitalisations and deaths are lower in the Strathfield LGA compared to NSW
- liquor sales will be limited to specialty liquor products produced in South Korea and Japan.

Overall social impacts and conclusion

Having considered the positive and negative social impacts that are likely to flow from the applicant's proposal, the Authority is satisfied that the overall social impact of approving the application will not be detrimental to the well-being of the local or broader community.

The Authority is also satisfied that the other legislative requirements for the approval of the application have been met.

The Authority finds, having regard to the above, that approving the application is consistent with the statutory objects and considerations of the Act to regulate the liquor industry in line with the community's expectations, needs and aspirations, and facilitate the balanced and responsible development of the liquor industry and related industries.

Accordingly, the Authority approves the application under section 45 of the Act.



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Schedule 1 – Licence conditions to be imposed MPlus Mart

1. Section 11A of the *Liquor Act 2007* applies to this licence. Liquor must not be sold by retail on the licensed premises for a continuous period of six (6) hours between 4:00 AM and 10:00 AM during each consecutive period of 24 hours. The licensee must comply with this 6-hour closure period along with any other limits specified in the trading hours for this licence.
2. Restricted trading & NYE
Retail sales

Good Friday	Not permitted
December 24 th	Normal trading Monday to Saturday, 8:00 AM to 12:00 midnight Sunday
Christmas Day	Not permitted
December 31 st	Normal trading Monday to Saturday, 10:00 AM to 12:00 midnight Sunday
3. The business authorised by this licence must not operate with a greater overall level of social impact on the wellbeing of the local and broader community than what could reasonably be expected from the information contained in the Community Impact Statement, application and other information submitted in the process of obtaining this licence.
4. The licensee or its representative must join and be an active participant in the local liquor accord.
5. The premises is to be operated at all times in accordance with the Plan of Management dated **June 2022** as may be varied from time to time after consultation with NSW Police. A copy of the Plan of Management is to be kept on the premises and made available for inspection on the request of a police officer, council officer, Liquor and Gaming NSW inspector, or any other person authorised by the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority.
6. Closed-circuit television system
 1. The licensee must maintain a closed-circuit television (CCTV) system at the supermarket in accordance with the following requirements:
 - (a) the system must record continuously from opening time until one hour after the supermarket is required to close,
 - (b) recordings must be in digital format and at a minimum of ten (10) frames per second,
 - (c) any recorded image must specify the time and date of the recorded image,
 - (d) the system's cameras must cover the following areas:
 - (i) all entry and exit points to the supermarket, and
 - (ii) all publicly accessible areas (other than toilets) within the liquor sales area.
 2. The licensee must also:
 - (a) keep all recordings made by the CCTV system for at least 30 days,
 - (b) ensure that the CCTV system is accessible at all times the system is required to operate pursuant to clause 1(a), by at least one person able to access and fully operate the system, including downloading and producing recordings of CCTV footage, and
 - (c) provide any recordings made by the system to a police officer or Liquor and Gaming NSW inspector within 24 hours of any request by the police officer or Liquor and Gaming NSW inspector to provide such recordings.
7. Adequate separation

The liquor sales area must be adequately defined from the rest of the supermarket in accordance with the premises plan as approved by the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority on 19 August 2022 or any premises plan subsequently approved by the Authority.
8. Specialised Liquor Products
 1. The licensee must ensure that only the following liquor products are sold or supplied by the licensed business ("Business"), except as provided by sub-clause 2:
 - (a) Liquor products produced in South Korea and Japan
 2. Other complementary liquor products, provided that those other products do not exceed more than 10% of the total product lines or 10% of the total products stocked on the premises at any one time,

are also permitted. For liquor products available for sale under this sub-clause, the licensee must maintain documentation that stock levels do not exceed either of the specified 10% thresholds.

3. The licensee must ensure that a list of the product lines and products stocked by the Business at any one time is kept at the premises and made available for inspection on the request of a police officer, Liquor & Gaming NSW inspector, or any other person authorised by the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority.
9. Licensee training must be completed no later than six months from the date of grant of the liquor licence.
10. Immediately after the person in charge of the licensed premises or a staff member becomes aware of any incident involving an act of violence causing injury to a person on the premises, the person in charge of the licensed premises and/or staff member must:
 1. take all practical steps to preserve and keep intact the area where the act of violence occurred,
 2. retain all material and implements associated with the act of violence in accordance with the crime scene preservation guidelines issued by NSW Police, as published from time to time on the Liquor and Gaming NSW website,
 3. make direct and personal contact with NSW Police to advise it of the incident, and
 4. comply with any directions given by NSW Police to preserve or keep intact the area where the violence occurred.

In this condition, 'staff member' means any person employed by, or acting on behalf of, the licensee of the premises, and includes any person who is employed to carry on security activities (e.g. crowd controller or bouncer) on or about the premises.