

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 95 Fourth Street, Suite 3 Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150-2358

Jean M. Lorizio, Esq. Chairman

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

April 14, 2025

BAL KUVER INC. D/B/A OAKLAND VARIETY 246 TREMONT STREET TAUNTON, MA 02780 LICENSE#: 00112-PK-1264 VIOLATION DATE: 11/01/2023 HEARD: 4/09/2024

After a hearing on April 9, 2024, the Commission finds Bal Kuver Inc. d/b/a Oakland Variety violated M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 18 Acting as a § 18 wholesale licensee without being properly licensed.

The Commission SUSPENDS the license for a period of fifteen (15) days of which five (5) days will be served and ten (10) days will be held in abeyance for a period of two (2) years provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission Regulations by this Commission.

The 5-day suspension shall commence on Monday, June 2, 2025, and terminate on Friday, June 6, 2025. The license will be delivered to the Local Licensing Board or its designee on Monday, June 2, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. It will be returned to the licensee on June 7, 2025.

You are advised that pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c.138 § 23, you may petition the Commission to accept an offer in compromise in lieu of suspension within twenty (20) calendar days following such notice of such suspension. If accepted, you may pay a fine using the enclosed form which must be signed by the Licensee and a Massachusetts Licensed Accountant.

You are advised that you have the right to appeal this decision under M.G.L. c. 30A to Superior Court within thirty (30) days upon receipt of this notice.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

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2024-00024-ad-enf (Adhya Corp.) 2024-00027-ad-enf (AMDA Convenience Corp.) 2024-00026-ad-enf (Bal Kuver Inc.) 2024-00025-ad-enf (Kaival Krupa Corp.)

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Local Licensing Board Frederick G. Mahony, Chief Investigator Katherine McCormick, Esq., Associate General Counsel Nicole Terasconi, Investigator Robert Gardner, Investigator Michael Teehan, Investigator Louis A. Cassis, Esq. Administration, File



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DECISION

ADHYA CORP. D/B/A WEST MANSFIELD VARIETY 428 ELM STREET, MANSFIELD, MA 02048 LICENSE#: 00047-PK-0652;

KAIVAL KRUPA CORP. D/B/A NORTON LIQUORS 175 MANSFIELD AVENUE, SUITE 2, NORTON, MA 02766 LICENSE#: 00024-PK-0908;

BAL KUVER INC. D/B/A OAKLAND VARIETY 246 TREMONT STREET, TAUNTON, MA 02780 LICENSE#: 00112-PK-1264;

AMDA CONVENIENCE CORP. D/B/A TOWN FOOD MART 242 CHAUNCY STREET, UNIT A, MANSFIELD, MA 02048 LICENSE#: 90159-PK-0652;

VIOLATION DATE: 11/01/2023 HEARD: 4/09/2024

Adhya Corp. d/b/a West Mansfield Variety (the "Licensee" or "West Mansfield Variety") holds an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 15. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission ("ABCC" or "Commission") held a remote hearing via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, regarding alleged violations of:

- 1) M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 18 Acting as a § 18 wholesale licensee without being properly licensed;
- 2) M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 23 Unlawful Purchase: No license issued under §§ 12, 14, or 15 and no certificate of fitness under § 30 shall authorize the sale of any alcoholic beverages other than those purchased from a licensee under §§ 18, 19, or 19F or 19C or from a holder of a special permit to sell issued under § 22A.

Kaival Krupa Corp. d/b/a Norton Liquors (the "Licensee" or "Norton Liquors") holds an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 15. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission ("ABCC" or "Commission") held a remote hearing via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, regarding an alleged violation of:

M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 18 Acting as a § 18 wholesale licensee without being properly licensed.

Bal Kuver Inc. d/b/a Oakland Variety (the "Licensee" or "Oakland Variety") holds an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 15. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission ("ABCC" or "Commission") held a remote hearing via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, regarding an alleged violation of:

M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 18 Acting as a § 18 wholesale licensee without being properly licensed.

AMDA Convenience Corp. d/b/a Town Food Mart (the "Licensee" or "Town Food Mart") holds an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 15. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission ("ABCC" or "Commission") held a remote hearing via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, regarding an alleged violation of:

M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 23 Unlawful Purchase: No license issued under §§ 12, 14, or 15 and no certificate of fitness under § 30 shall authorize the sale of any alcoholic beverages other than those purchased from a licensee under §§ 18, 19, or 19F or 19C or from a holder of a special permit to sell issued under § 22A.

Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Licensees stipulated to the facts alleged in Investigator Terasconi's four Reports.

On March 27, 2024, Attorney Louis Cassis, counsel for the Licensees, submitted a request to consolidate the hearings for the four Licensees re: the four alleged violations into one hearing. The Commission ALLOWED the request for a consolidated hearing.

The following documents are in evidence:

- 1. Investigative Report of N. Terasconi re: Adhya Corp. d/b/a West Mansfield Variety;
- 2. Investigative Report of N. Terasconi re: AMDA Convenience Corp. d/b/a Town Food Mart;
- 3. Investigative Report of N. Terasconi re: Bal Kuver Inc. d/b/a Oakland Variety;
- 4. Investigative Report of N. Terasconi re: Kaival Krupa Corp. d/b/a Norton Liquors;
- 5. ABCC Updated Advisory Regarding Consolidated Buying, 8/4/2017;
- 6. Photograph of Mezzacorona Pinot Grigio Wine;
- 7. Photographs of Alcoholic Beverages Cases with Destroyed Labels;
- 8. Adhya Corp. Invoice for Mezzacorona Pinot Grigio;
- 9. Photographs of Alcoholic Beverages Cases with Label from Oakland Variety;
- 10. Photograph of Alcoholic Beverages Cases with Labels from Norton Liquors;
- 11. ABCC Licensing Authority Certification for AMDA Convenience, New License;
- 12. ABCC Form 43 for Adhya Corp., Transfer of License;
- 13. ABCC Form 43 for Bal Kuver, Inc., Transfer of License;
- 14. ABCC Form 43 for Kaival Krupa Corp., Transfer of License;
- 15. Licensee's (4) Stipulations of Facts.

There is one (1) audio recording of this hearing.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On Wednesday, November 1, 2023, Investigators Gardner, Teehan, and Terasconi ("Investigators") inspected the business operation of several § 15 retail package store locations in the Towns of Mansfield and Norton, and the City of Taunton.
- AMDA Convenience Corp. d/b/a Town Food Mart ("Town Food Mart") holds a M.G.L. c. 138, § 15 retail package store license exercised at 242 Chauncy Street, Mansfield, Massachusetts. Ashok Patel is President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director and 100% owner of Town Food Mart. Dinesh Patel, brother of Ashok, was removed as a director of the corporation in April 2023.
- 3. At approximately 12:00 p.m., Investigators entered the licensed premises and advised the manager, Dhru Patel, they would be conducting an inspection. Investigators entered the storage room where they observed 12 cases of Mezzacorona Pinot Grigio wine which had the labels peeled off. On one box, Investigators were able to identify a label with an address of 428 Elm Street, Mansfield, Massachusetts, and a date of October 3, 2023.
- 4. Investigators requested that Mr. Dhru provide them with an invoice for the Mezzacorona Pinot Grigio wine. Mr. Dhru was unable to provide any invoice.
- 5. Investigators then conducted an internet search for the address on the shipping label which indicated a business named West Mansfield Variety.
- Adhya Corp. d/b/a West Mansfield Variety ("West Mansfield Variety") holds a M.G.L. c. 138, § 15 retail package store license exercised at 428 Elm Street, Mansfield, Massachusetts. Hirenkumar Patel is President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director and 100% owner of West Mansfield Variety. Hirenkumar Patel is the son of Ashok Patel.
- 7. At approximately 1:00 p.m., Investigators entered the licensed premises of West Mansfield Variety. They spoke with Hirenkumar Patel and informed him that they had found alcoholic beverages from his establishment at Town Food Mart.
- 8. Investigators asked Mr. Patel if he had an invoice for the Mezzacorona Pinot Grigio wine. Mr. Patel provided Investigators with an invoice dated October 3, 2023, from Horizon Beverage Corp. for the Mezzacorona wine.
- 9. Investigators then asked Mr. Patel why the Mezzacorona wine was at Town Food Mart. Mr. Patel stated that his father, Ashok Patel, transferred the Mezzacorona wine using his personal vehicle from West Mansfield Variety to Town Food Mart.
- 10. Investigators then inspected the storage room and sales floor of West Mansfield Variety where they observed five cases of Kahlua coffee liqueur, 14 cases of New Amsterdam vodka, and 54 cases of Barefoot wine. Investigators observed that each case had a shipping label on it indicating the product had been received and purchased by Oakland Variety. Investigators also observed one case of Barefoot wine from Norton Liquors, Inc.
- 11. Investigators asked Mr. Patel if it is a common practice to share inventory amongst other off-premises licenses and he stated that if they needed to borrow inventory they would do

so. Investigators asked how he kept track of the inventory being shared and he stated verbally.

- 12. Bal Kuver Inc. d/b/a Oakland Variety ("Oakland Variety") holds a M.G.L. c. 138, § 15 retail package store license exercised at 246 Tremont Street, Taunton, Massachusetts. Dinesh Patel is President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director and 100% owner of Oakland Variety. Dinesh Patel is the uncle of Hirenkumar Patel.
- 13. Kaival Krupa Corp. d/b/a Norton Liquors ("Norton Liquors") holds a M.G.L. c. 138, § 15 retail package store license exercised at 175 Mansfield Avenue, Norton, Massachusetts. Dharaben Patel is President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director and 100% owner of Norton Liquors. Hirenkumar Patel is a Vice President of the Kaival Krupa Corp and Dharaben Patel is his wife.
- Investigators advised Mr. Hirenkumar Patel and Mr. Dhru Patel of the Commission's 2017 Consolidate Buying Advisory and explained why consolidated buying is unlawful in Massachusetts.
- 15. Investigators advised the Patels of the violations and that a report would be submitted to the Chief Investigator for further review.

CONCLUSION

Based on the evidence, the Commission finds Adhya Corp. d/b/a West Mansfield Variety violated:

- 1) M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 18 Acting as a § 18 wholesale licensee without being properly licensed;
- 2) M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 23 Unlawful Purchase: No license issued under §§ 12, 14, or 15 and no certificate of fitness under § 30 shall authorize the sale of any alcoholic beverages other than those purchased from a licensee under §§ 18, 19, or 19F or 19C or from a holder of a special permit to sell issued under § 22A.

As a result, the Commission SUSPENDS the license for a period of twenty (20) days of which five (5) days will be served and fifteen (15) days will be held in abeyance for a period of two (2) years provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission Regulations are found by this Commission.

Based on the evidence, the Commission finds Kaival Krupa Corp. d/b/a Norton Liquors violated M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 18 Acting as a § 18 wholesale licensee without being properly licensed. As a result, the Commission SUSPENDS the license for a period of three (3) days which will be held in abeyance for a period of two (2) years provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission Regulations are found by this Commission.

Based on the evidence, the Commission finds Bal Kuver Inc. d/b/a Oakland Variety violated M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 18 Acting as a § 18 wholesale licensee without being properly licensed. As a result, the Commission SUSPENDS the license for a period of fifteen (15) days of which five (5) days will be served and ten (10) days will be held in abeyance for a period of two (2) years provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission Regulations by this Commission.

Based on the evidence, the Commission finds AMDA Convenience Corp. d/b/a Town Food Mart violated M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 23 Unlawful Purchase: No license issued under §§ 12, 14, or 15 and no certificate of fitness under § 30 shall authorize the sale of any alcoholic beverages other than those purchased from a licensee under §§ 18, 19, or 19F or 19C or from a holder of a special permit to sell issued under § 22A. As a result, the Commission SUSPENDS the license for a period of fifteen (15) days of which five (5) days will be served and ten (10) days will be held in abeyance for a period of two (2) years provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission Regulations are found by this Commission.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

Jean M. Lorizio, Chairman

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Dated: April 14, 2025

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