

Auchan Reapplies for Liquor License in Moscow Region

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Supermarket chain Auchan has submitted documents for a license to sell alcohol in the Moscow region after its current license was canceled by regulators.

The company chose to apply for a new license instead of renewing the old one to save on time required for processing, the director of Auchan's Moscow office Jean-Pierre Germain said, Vedomosti reported Monday.

The chain's 12 stores in the Moscow region stopped selling alcohol on Nov. 8. Regulators hinted they may sue the retailer because of inconsistencies in Auchan's alcohol turnover reports for the second half of 2012 and the first two quarters of this year.

The application is expected to take two to three weeks to process.

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