# eGroceryMart Business Requirements Document (BRD)

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# **Executive Summary**

eGroceryMart is a comprehensive multi-vendor eCommerce platform designed to serve the grocery and vegetables & fruits items market in New Zealand. The platform enables customers to purchase fresh produce, dairy products, religious items, and specialty groceries from multiple vendors through a unified marketplace.

# **Key Features**

- Multi-vendor marketplace with vendor onboarding and management
- Comprehensive product catalog with advanced search and filtering
- Secure payment processing with multiple payment options
- Real-time inventory management and order tracking
- Loyalty program with points and rewards system
- Mobile-responsive design for all devices
- Admin dashboard for platform management and analytics

# **Project Overview**

# **Business Context**

The eGroceryMart platform addresses the growing demand for online grocery shopping, particularly for ethnic and specialty items that are not readily available in traditional supermarkets. The platform serves the diverse New Zealand population with a focus on Indian, Sri Lankan, Philippine, and other ethnic communities.

#### **Target Market**

- Primary: New Zealand residents seeking ethnic groceries and fresh vegetables & fruits items
- Secondary: Small to medium grocery vendors and specialty food suppliers
- **Tertiary**: New Zealand and Australia

# **Platform Users**

- 1. **Customers**: End users purchasing groceries and religious items
- 2. **Vendors**: Business owners selling products on the platform
- 3. Administrators: Platform managers overseeing operations

# **Business Objectives**

# **Primary Objectives**

- 1. Revenue Generation: ??
- 2. Market Penetration: Capture 5% of the ethnic grocery market in New Zealand
- 3. **Vendor Network**: Onboard 500+ active vendors within 18 months
- 4. **Customer Base**: Reach 50,000+ registered customers within 2 years

# **Secondary Objectives**

- 1. **Customer Satisfaction**: Maintain 4.5+ star rating across all categories
- 2. **Operational Efficiency**: Reduce order processing time to under 2 hours
- 3. Platform Reliability: Achieve 99.9% uptime

# **Stakeholder Analysis**

# **Primary Stakeholders**

- Customers: End users seeking grocery delivery
- Vendors: Business owners selling products
- Platform Administrators: System managers and support staff
- **Investors**: Financial backers and stakeholders

# **Secondary Stakeholders**

- Payment Processors: Stripe and other payment gateways
- **Delivery Partners**: Third-party logistics providers
- Regulatory Bodies: New Zealand food safety and business regulations
- Technology Partners: AWS, development teams, and consultants

# **Functional Requirements**

# 1. Customer Portal Requirements

#### 1.1 User Registration and Authentication

# 1.1.1 Account Registration

Requirement ID: CUST-001

**Priority**: High

Description: Customers must be able to create accounts with multiple registration options (Google,

Facebook)

**Functional Requirements**: - Email/phone-based registration with OTP verification - Social login integration (Google, Facebook) - Password-based registration with email verification - Profile completion with personal information - Address book management with multiple addresses

**Business Rules**: - Email addresses must be unique across the platform - Phone numbers must be verified via SMS OTP - Passwords must meet minimum security requirements - Users must accept terms and conditions

**Acceptance Criteria**: - User can register using email, phone, or social login - Email verification is required for email-based registration - Phone verification is required for phone-based registration - User profile is created with basic information - User can add multiple delivery addresses

#### 1.1.2 User Authentication

Requirement ID: CUST-002

**Priority**: High

**Description**: Secure authentication system with multiple login options.

**Functional Requirements**: - Email/password login - Phone/OTP login - Social login (Google, Facebook) - Remember me functionality - Password reset via email/SMS - Multi-factor authentication (optional)

**Business Rules**: - Failed login attempts are limited to 5 per hour - Password reset tokens expire after 1 hour - Session timeout after 24 hours of inactivity - Users are logged out from all devices on password change

# 1.2 Product Browsing and Search

## 1.2.1 Product Catalog

Requirement ID: CUST-003

**Priority**: High

**Description**: Comprehensive product catalog with advanced browsing capabilities.

**Functional Requirements**: - Category-based product browsing - Vendor-based product filtering - Product search with autocomplete - Advanced filters (price, brand, dietary preferences) - Product comparison features - Wishlist functionality - Recently viewed products

**Business Rules**: - Products are organized in hierarchical categories - Search results are ranked by relevance and popularity - Out-of-stock products are clearly marked - Product images are optimized for fast loading

**Categories Include**: - Fruits & Vegetables - Dairy & Eggs - Meat & Seafood - Pantry & Staples - Snacks & Beverages - Religious Items (Puja, Aarti, Bhajan/Kirtan, Murtis, Rituals, Offerings, Festivals) - Indian Sweets - South Indian Groceries - Sri Lankan Groceries - Philippine Groceries

# 1.2.2 Advanced Search and Filtering

Requirement ID: CUST-004

**Priority**: High

**Description**: Intelligent search with multiple filtering options.

**Functional Requirements**: - Keyword-based search with autocomplete - Category-based filtering - Vendor-based filtering - Price range filtering - Dietary preference filters (organic, vegan, gluten-free, halal, kosher) - Brand filtering - Location-based vendor filtering - Sort by price, popularity, rating, newest **Business Rules**: - Search results include product name, description, and category - Filters can be combined for precise results - Search history is maintained for user convenience - Popular searches are

highlighted

#### 1.3 Product Details and Information

#### 1.3.1 Product Detail Page

Requirement ID: CUST-005

**Priority**: High

**Description**: Comprehensive product information with all necessary details.

**Functional Requirements**: - Product images with zoom functionality - Detailed product description - Nutritional information (where applicable) - Product variants (size, weight, packaging) - Pricing information with discounts - Vendor information and rating - Delivery information and availability - Related products recommendations - Customer reviews and ratings

**Business Rules**: - Product images must be high quality and properly sized - Nutritional information is required for food products - Product descriptions must be accurate and detailed - Vendor information must be prominently displayed

#### 1.3.2 Product Reviews and Ratings

Requirement ID: CUST-006

**Priority**: High

**Description**: Customer review system for products and vendors.

**Functional Requirements**: - Star rating system (1-5 stars) - Written reviews with photos - Review helpfulness voting - Verified purchase badges - Review filtering and sorting

**Business Rules**: - Only verified purchasers can leave reviews - Reviews are moderated before publication - Inappropriate reviews can be reported - Review helpfulness is calculated based on votes

# 1.4 Shopping Cart and Checkout

#### 1.4.1 Shopping Cart Management

Requirement ID: CUST-007

**Priority**: High

**Description**: Comprehensive shopping cart with multiple features.

**Functional Requirements**: - Add/remove products from cart - Update product quantities - Save cart for later - Price calculation with taxes - Coupon and discount application - Cart expiration handling

**Business Rules**: - Cart expires after 24 hours of inactivity - Maximum quantity limits per product - Minimum order amounts per vendor - Coupons can only be applied once per order

#### 1.4.2 Checkout Process

Requirement ID: CUST-008

Priority: High

**Description**: Streamlined checkout process with multiple options.

**Functional Requirements**: - Guest checkout option - Multiple delivery address selection - Delivery time slot selection - Payment method selection - Order summary and confirmation - Delivery instructions - Contactless delivery options

**Business Rules**: - Delivery slots are available in 1-hour intervals - Minimum order amount applies per vendor - Payment must be confirmed before order processing - Delivery instructions are limited to 200 characters

#### 1.5 Payment Processing

# 1.5.1 Payment Methods

Requirement ID: CUST-009

**Priority**: High

**Description**: Multiple secure payment options for customers.

**Functional Requirements**: - Credit/debit card processing (Visa, MasterCard, American Express) - Digital wallet integration (Apple Pay, Google Pay) - Bank transfer options - Saved payment methods - Payment security features

**Business Rules**: - All payments are processed through Stripe - Payment information is encrypted and secure - Failed payments are handled gracefully - Refunds are processed within 3-5 business days

# 1.5.2 Payment Security

Requirement ID: CUST-010

Priority: High

**Description**: Secure payment processing with fraud protection.

Functional Requirements: - SSL/TLS encryption for all transactions - PCI DSS compliance - Fraud

detection and prevention - Payment confirmation emails - Transaction history tracking

# 1.6 Order Management

#### 1.6.1 Order Tracking

Requirement ID: CUST-011

Priority: High

**Description**: Real-time order tracking and status updates.

**Functional Requirements**: - Order status tracking (pending, confirmed, processing, out for delivery, delivered) - Order history and reordering - Order cancellation (within time limits) - Delivery notifications

- Order confirmation emails

**Business Rules**: - Orders can be cancelled within 1 hour of placement - Delivery tracking is updated every 15 minutes - Customers receive notifications at each status change - Order history is maintained for 3 years

#### 1.6.2 Order History and Reordering

Requirement ID: CUST-012

**Priority**: Medium

**Description**: Easy access to past orders and quick reordering.

Functional Requirements: - Complete order history - Order details and receipts - Quick reorder

functionality - Order status tracking - Invoice generation and download

#### **1.7 Customer Support**

# 1.7.1 Support System

Requirement ID: CUST-013

**Priority**: Medium

**Description**: Comprehensive customer support system.

Functional Requirements: - Email support system - FAQ section - Ticket-based support - Order-specific

support - Knowledge base

Business Rules: - Support tickets are responded to within 4 hours - FAQ is updated regularly based on

common issues

1.8 Loyalty Program

1.8.1 Points System

Requirement ID: CUST-014

**Priority**: Medium

**Description**: Customer loyalty program with points and rewards.

**Functional Requirements**: - Points earning on purchases (2% of order value) - Points redemption for discounts - Points expiration management - Loyalty tiers and benefits - Points balance tracking - Special promotions for members

**Business Rules**: - Points are earned at 2% of order value - Points expire after 12 months - Minimum redemption amount applies - Points cannot be transferred between accounts

# 2. Vendor Portal Requirements

# 2.1 Vendor Registration and Onboarding

2.1.1 Vendor Registration

Requirement ID: VEND-001

**Priority**: High

**Description**: Comprehensive vendor registration and verification process.

**Functional Requirements**: - Business registration form - Document upload (business license, GST certificate) - Bank account verification - Business address verification - Contact information verification - Business hours setup - Commission rate agreement

**Business Rules**: - All documents must be manually verified before approval - Business address must be in New Zealand - Bank account must be in vendor's name - Commission rate is 5% by default (negotiable)

#### 2.1.2 Vendor Approval Process

Requirement ID: VEND-002

**Priority**: High

**Description**: Admin approval workflow for vendor registration.

**Functional Requirements**: - Document verification system - Background check integration - Approval/rejection workflow - Notification system - Appeal process for rejected applications

**Business Rules**: - Applications are reviewed within 48 hours - Rejected applications can be appealed - Approved vendors receive welcome email - Vendors must complete onboarding before listing products

# 2.2 Product Management

2.2.1 Product Listing

Requirement ID: VEND-003

**Priority**: High

**Description**: Comprehensive product management system for vendors.

Functional Requirements: - Product creation and editing - Bulk product upload - Product categorization -Pricing management - Inventory tracking - Product image upload - Product description management

Business Rules: - Products must be approved before listing - Product images must meet quality standards - Pricing must be competitive - Inventory must be accurate and updated

# 2.2.2 Inventory Management

Requirement ID: VEND-004

Priority: High

**Description**: Real-time inventory tracking and management.

Functional Requirements: - Real-time stock updates - Low stock alerts - Inventory history tracking - Bulk

inventory updates - Stock reservation system - Inventory reports

Business Rules: - Stock levels must be updated within 2 hours - Low stock alerts are sent at 10%

remaining - Out-of-stock products are automatically hidden

# 2.3 Order Management

# 2.3.1 Order Processing

Requirement ID: VEND-005

**Priority**: High

**Description**: Vendor order management and processing system.

Functional Requirements: - Order notification system - Order acceptance/rejection - Order status updates - Delivery coordination - Order history and reports - Customer communication tools

Business Rules: - Orders must be accepted within 2 hours - Rejected orders require valid reason - Status updates are sent to customers automatically - Vendors can communicate with customers through platform

#### 2.3.2 Order Fulfillment

Requirement ID: VEND-006

**Priority**: High

**Description**: Order fulfillment and delivery coordination.

Functional Requirements: - Order preparation tracking - Delivery scheduling - Delivery confirmation -Issue reporting - Return management

Business Rules: - Orders must be prepared within 4 hours - Delivery must be completed within 24 hours - Issues must be reported within 2 hours - Returns are processed within 48 hours

# 2.4 Analytics and Reporting

# 2.4.1 Sales Analytics

Requirement ID: VEND-007

**Priority**: Medium

**Description**: Comprehensive sales and performance analytics.

Functional Requirements: - Sales dashboard - Revenue reports - Product performance analysis -

Customer analytics - Order statistics - Commission tracking

Business Rules: - Reports are updated daily - Data is available for the last 2 years - Export functionality

for all reports - Real-time dashboard updates

# 2.5 Financial Management

2.5.1 Payout System (NEED DISCUSSION)

Requirement ID: VEND-009

Priority: High

**Description**: Secure and transparent payout system for vendors.

Functional Requirements: - Earnings tracking - Payout scheduling - Payment history - Tax reporting -

Commission calculation - Bank account management

Business Rules: - Payouts are processed weekly - Minimum payout amount is \$50 - Commission is

deducted automatically - Tax documents are provided annually

#### 2.5.2 Financial Reports

Requirement ID: VEND-010

**Priority**: Medium

**Description**: Comprehensive financial reporting for vendors.

Functional Requirements: - Revenue reports - Commission reports - Tax reports - Expense tracking -

Profit analysis - Cash flow reports

# 3. Administrator Portal Requirements

# 3.1 User Management

#### 3.1.1 Customer Management

Requirement ID: ADMIN-001

Priority: High

**Description**: Comprehensive customer management system.

Functional Requirements: - Customer account management - Customer support tools - Account

verification - Suspension/activation - Customer analytics - Communication tools

Business Rules: - Customer data is protected under privacy laws - Account suspensions require valid

reason - Customer communications are logged - Analytics are anonymized for privacy

# 3.1.2 Vendor Management

Requirement ID: ADMIN-002

Priority: High

**Description**: Vendor approval and management system.

Functional Requirements: - Vendor approval workflow - Vendor performance monitoring - Commission

rate management - Vendor communication tools - Vendor analytics - Quality control

Business Rules: - Vendor approvals are processed within 48 hours - Performance reviews are conducted

monthly - Commission rates are negotiable - Quality standards must be maintained

# 3.2 Product Moderation

#### 3.2.1 Product Approval

Requirement ID: ADMIN-003

Priority: High

**Description**: Product moderation and approval system.

Functional Requirements: - Product review workflow - Content moderation - Quality standards

enforcement - Product categorization - Pricing monitoring - Image verification

Business Rules: - Products are reviewed within 24 hours - Quality standards must be met - Pricing must

be competitive - Images must meet platform standards

#### *3.2.2 Content Management*

Requirement ID: ADMIN-004

**Priority**: Medium

**Description**: Platform content management and moderation.

**Functional Requirements**: - Review moderation - Report handling - Content filtering - Quality control - Policy enforcement

# 3.3 Order and Payment Management

#### 3.3.1 Order Management

Requirement ID: ADMIN-005

Priority: High

**Description**: Platform-wide order management and oversight.

Functional Requirements: - Order monitoring - Issue resolution - Dispute handling - Order analytics -

Customer support tools - Delivery coordination

Business Rules: - Orders are monitored in real-time - Issues are escalated within 2 hours - Disputes are

resolved within 48 hours - Analytics are updated daily

#### 3.3.2 Payment Management

Requirement ID: ADMIN-006

**Priority**: High

**Description**: Payment processing and financial management.

Functional Requirements: - Payment monitoring - Refund processing - Commission calculation -

Financial reporting - Tax management - Fraud detection

Business Rules: - Payments are processed securely - Refunds are processed within 3-5 days -

Commission is calculated automatically - Financial reports are generated monthly

# 3.4 Analytics and Reporting

# 3.4.1 Platform Analytics

Requirement ID: ADMIN-007

Priority: High

**Description**: Comprehensive platform analytics and reporting.

Functional Requirements: - Sales analytics - User analytics - Performance metrics - Revenue reporting -

Growth analysis - Market insights

Business Rules: - Analytics are updated in real-time - Reports are generated daily - Data is available for 2

years - Export functionality for all reports

# 3.5 Content Management

3.5.1 CMS Management

Requirement ID: ADMIN-009

**Priority**: Medium

**Description**: Content management system for platform content.

**Functional Requirements**: - Banner management - Promotional content - FAQ management - Policy updates - News and announcements

**Business Rules**: - Content is reviewed before publication - SEO best practices are followed - Content is updated regularly - Analytics track content performance

# 3.5.2 Marketing Tools

Requirement ID: ADMIN-010

**Priority**: Medium

**Description**: Marketing and promotional tools.

**Functional Requirements**: - Coupon management - Promotional campaigns - Email marketing - Social

media integration - Loyalty program management

# **Non-Functional Requirements**

# **Performance Requirements**

• Response Time: Page load time < 3 seconds

Concurrent Users: Support 10,000+ concurrent users

Availability: 99.9% uptime

Scalability: Auto-scaling based on demand

# **Security Requirements**

Data Encryption: All data encrypted in transit and at rest

• Authentication: Multi-factor authentication support

Compliance: PCI DSS, GDPR compliance

• Audit Trail: Complete audit logging

# **Usability Requirements**

• Mobile Responsive: Optimized for all device sizes

Accessibility: WCAG 2.1 AA compliance

Internationalization: Support for multiple language on Frontend

• User Experience: Intuitive and user-friendly interface

# **User Stories**

# **Customer User Stories**

# Epic: Customer Registration and Profile

- Story 1: As a customer, I want to register using my email so that I can create an account
- Story 2: As a customer, I want to verify my phone number so that I can receive order updates
- **Story 3**: As a customer, I want to add multiple delivery addresses so that I can choose where to receive my orders

# *Epic: Product Discovery*

- **Story 4**: As a customer, I want to search for products by name so that I can find what I need quickly
- **Story 5**: As a customer, I want to filter products by category so that I can browse specific types of items
- **Story 6**: As a customer, I want to see product reviews so that I can make informed purchasing decisions

Epic: Shopping and Checkout

- Story 7: As a customer, I want to add products to my cart so that I can purchase multiple items
- Story 8: As a customer, I want to apply coupon codes so that I can save money on my purchase
- **Story 9**: As a customer, I want to choose a delivery time slot so that I can receive my order when convenient

#### **Vendor User Stories**

# *Epic: Vendor Onboarding*

- Story 10: As a vendor, I want to register my business so that I can sell products on the platform
- **Story 11**: As a vendor, I want to upload my business documents so that my account can be verified
- **Story 12**: As a vendor, I want to set my business hours so that customers know when I'm available

# *Epic: Product Management*

- **Story 13**: As a vendor, I want to add products to my catalog so that customers can purchase them
- **Story 14**: As a vendor, I want to update product inventory so that customers see accurate stock levels

• Story 15: As a vendor, I want to set product prices so that I can control my profit margins

# *Epic: Order Management*

- Story 16: As a vendor, I want to receive order notifications so that I can process orders quickly
- Story 17: As a vendor, I want to update order status so that customers can track their orders
- **Story 18**: As a vendor, I want to view my sales reports so that I can understand my business performance

# **Administrator User Stories**

# Epic: Platform Management

- **Story 19**: As an admin, I want to approve vendor registrations so that only legitimate businesses join
- Story 20: As an admin, I want to moderate product listings so that quality standards are maintained
- Story 21: As an admin, I want to view platform analytics so that I can make data-driven decisions

# Epic: Customer Support

- **Story 22**: As an admin, I want to handle customer support tickets so that issues are resolved quickly
- Story 23: As an admin, I want to manage refunds so that customer satisfaction is maintained
- **Story 24**: As an admin, I want to monitor platform performance so that issues are identified early

# **Process Flows**

# **Customer Journey Flow**

1.	Customer Registration  Email/Phone Registration  OTP Verification  Profile Completion  Address Setup
2.	Product Discovery  ├── Browse Categories  ├── Search Products  ├── Apply Filters  └── View Product Details

3.	Shopping Cart  Add Products  Review Cart  Apply Coupons  Proceed to Checkout
4.	Checkout Process  Select Delivery Address  Choose Delivery Time  Select Payment Method  Confirm Order
5.	Order Tracking  Order Confirmation  Status Updates  Delivery Tracking  Order Completion
	ndor Onboarding Flow  Vendor Registration  Business Information  Document Upload  Bank Account Details  Terms Acceptance
2.	Admin Review  Document Verification  Background Check  Approval Decision  Notification
3.	Vendor Setup  ├── Business Hours Setup  ├── Commission Agreement  ├── Product Categories  └── Payment Setup
4.	Product Listing ├── Product Creation ├── Image Upload ├── Pricing Setup └── Inventory Management

# **Order Processing Flow**

- 1. Order Placement
  - Customer Places Order
  - ├── Payment Processing
  - ── Order Confirmation
  - L— Vendor Notification
- 2. Vendor Processing
  - ├── Order Acceptance
  - Product Preparation
  - ├─ Delivery Coordination
  - L— Status Updates
- 3. Delivery (FUTURE SCOPE)
  - ├── Pickup by Delivery Partner
  - Route Optimization
  - Real-time Tracking
  - ☐ Delivery Confirmation
- 4. Completion
  - Customer Confirmation
  - Payment Settlement
  - Review Collection
  - L— Loyalty Points Award

# **Business Rules**

#### **General Business Rules**

- 1. Data Privacy: All customer data must be protected under New Zealand privacy laws
- 2. Payment Security: All transactions must be PCI DSS compliant
- 3. Quality Standards: All products must meet New Zealand food safety standards
- 4. **Customer Service**: Support tickets must be responded to within 4 hours
- 5. **Order Processing**: Orders must be processed within 24 hours

# **Customer Rules**

1. **Account Verification**: Email and phone verification required for account activation

- 2. **Order Limits**: Minimum order amount of \$20 per vendor
- 3. **Cancellation**: Orders can be cancelled within 1 hour of placement
- 4. **Returns**: Damaged or incorrect items can be returned within 48 hours
- 5. **Loyalty Points**: Points expire after 12 months of inactivity

#### **Vendor Rules**

- 1. **Approval Process**: Vendor applications reviewed within 48 hours
- 2. **Commission**: Standard commission rate of 5% (negotiable)
- 3. **Order Response**: Orders must be accepted/rejected within 2 hours
- 4. **Quality Standards**: Products must meet platform quality standards
- 5. **Payout Schedule**: Weekly payouts with minimum \$50 threshold

#### **Administrator Rules**

- 1. Vendor Approval: All vendors must be manually approved
- 2. **Content Moderation**: All content reviewed within 48 hours
- 3. **Issue Escalation**: Critical issues escalated within 2 hours
- 4. **Data Retention**: Customer data retained for 3 years
- 5. **Performance Monitoring**: Platform performance monitored 24/7

# **Acceptance Criteria**

# **Customer Portal Acceptance Criteria**

- □Users can register using email, phone, or social login
- Users can browse products by category and search
- Shopping cart saves items and calculates totals
- □Checkout process is completed in under 5 minutes
- □Payment processing is secure and reliable
- □Order tracking provides real-time updates
- Customer support is accessible and responsive

# **Vendor Portal Acceptance Criteria**

- □Admin approval process works within 48 hours
- Wendors can add and manage products effectively
- Order notifications are sent promptly
- Sales reports are accurate and comprehensive
- □Payout system works reliably
- \[
   \subseteq Vendor analytics provide useful insights
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# **Administrator Portal Acceptance Criteria**

- □Order management provides complete oversight
- Analytics dashboard provides actionable insights
- Customer support tools are comprehensive
- □Financial reporting is accurate and detailed
- □Platform monitoring identifies issues proactively

# **Technical Acceptance Criteria**

- □Payment processing is 100% secure
- □Platform uptime is 99.9% or higher
- Data backup and recovery work correctly
- Security measures prevent unauthorized access
- \( \sum \) API endpoints are properly documented
- □Error handling provides clear user feedback