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This supplement specifies a minimum age for purchase and consumption of alcoholic beverages. It applies to all Fifth Air Force (5 AF) installations.

**SUMMARY OF REVISIONS**

This document is substantially revised and must be completely reviewed. Adds paragraphs **1.1.1.**, **1.4.5.1.**, **1.7.9.**, and **2.1.** A bar (|) indicates revision from the previous edition.

**AFI34-219, 9 September 1998, is supplemented as follows:**

- 1.1.1. Any wing or base supplements to AFI34-219 should be submitted to 5 AF Staff Judge Advocate (5 AF/JA) for review prior to promulgation.
- 1.1.2. The minimum drinking age in Japan is 20. There is no lower age set for "low-alcohol content" type beverages such as beer, wine coolers, etc. The minimum age for purchasing, serving, selling, possessing or drinking alcoholic beverages (including what are often referred to, in the United States (US), as "low-alcohol content" beverages) on all 5 AF installations is thus 20.
- 1.1.6. The United States - Japan Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) provides no exception to the Japanese law which establishes 20 as the minimum drinking age.
- 1.4.5.1. All retail activities serving alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption will have in effect an active Designated Driver Program (DDP). Minimum requirements in support of the DDP are:
  - 1.4.5.1.1. (Added) . The DDP will be in effect during all activity operating hours when alcoholic beverages are served and consumed.
  - 1.4.5.1.2. (Added) . Patrons in-groups of two or more will be eligible to participate in the DDP.
  - 1.4.5.1.3. (Added) . Participants will be issued a "Designated Driver" badge.
  - 1.4.5.1.4. (Added) . The designated driver will be provided free non-alcoholic beverages.

1.4.5.1.5. (Added) . All activity employees will be fully briefed and trained concerning the DDP.

1.4.5.1.6. (Added) . A copy of the activity's DDP operating instruction will be prominently posted.

1.7.9. When non-appropriated fund instrumentalities purchase alcoholic beverages from sources other than the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES), payment of local tax and/or duties may be imposed. Responsible officials should not pay local taxes or duties unless such payment is consistent with Air Force policy and applicable laws or agreements. Questions concerning the propriety of paying local taxes or duties should be referred to the servicing staff judge advocate.

2.1. Any activity operating any type of shooting range will establish written procedures to prohibit the consumption of alcoholic beverages in shooting areas. Activities will prohibit sale of alcoholic beverages to and consumption of alcoholic beverages by individuals intending to participate in any type of shooting program.

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