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MEMORANDUM

From: Commander, Fleet Activities Sasebo
To: Active Duty and Reserve Personnel, Retirees, Military Dependents, Civilian Employees, Contractors, Host Nation Civilian Employees and Anyone with Installation Access

Subj: DISTINGUISHING BARS AND RESTAURANTS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Ref: (a) CNFJ/CNRJ COVID-19 Leave and Liberty Policy Update 1 dtd 30 Sep 20
(b) CFAS Public Health Order dtd 22 Oct 20

1. Purpose. This memorandum provides a non-exhaustive list of factors used in determining whether an establishment is a restaurant or a bar or an establishment "which primarily serves alcohol" in accordance with references (a) and (b). The following list is not comprehensive. I will use these indicators to decide whether Restriction of Movement (ROM), temporary debarment or other measures are needed when persons subject to references (a) and (b) patron various establishments considered high risk for spreading COVID-19. Furthermore, security forces and shore patrol are instructed to consult this list when responding to reports of violations of the Public Health Order by persons entering bars and similar establishments. These indicia may vary from one place to another. No one indicator is necessarily conclusive, although some of these indicia will carry more importance than others.

2. Indicia of a Restaurant. Indicia of a restaurant include but are not limited to:

a. The presence of a full menu and a variety of foods (e.g. appetizers, entrees, salads, desserts);
b. Opening hours that do not extend into early morning hours;
c. Prohibition against smoking in the establishment;
d. No age restrictions;
e. The presence of kids' menu options;
f. If present, a bar is not the primary focal point of the restaurant;
g. The alcohol options do not exceed the options for various foods;
h. The restaurant does not specialize in alcoholic beverages;
i. Seating in and outside of the establishment is generally at tables for multiple guests;
j. Bar seating similar to that in ramen restaurants, sushi restaurants and yakitori restaurants is acceptable; however, the main activity in such seating should be eating, not drinking alcohol;
k. The establishment markets itself as a restaurant;
l. The establishment is appropriate for a variety of events (family dinner, business meetings, etc.);

m. A neutral observer visiting the establishment for the first time would reasonably perceive the establishment to be a restaurant.

3. Indicia of a Bar or Establishment "Which Primarily Services Alcohol." Indicia of a bars and establishments which primarily serve alcohol include, but are not limited to:

a. Alcohol is prominently displayed on the exterior of the building
b. The establishment's marketing (on and offline) contains the words "bar," "pub," "saloon," or similar terms for drinking establishments;
c. The establishment's marketing (on and offline) contains images associated with bar or nightclub activities
d. Food selection is limited to appetizers and side dishes, no variety of entrée dishes;
e. The presence of a dance floor or other club-like environments;
f. The presence of drinking games or other drinking related paraphernalia;
g. Late night/early morning hours;
h. Smoking is permitted in the restaurant;
i. Alcohol and the bar is the primary focal point of the restaurant;
j. The establishment specializes in unique alcoholic beverages, craft beers, etc.;
k. The presence of billiards, dart boards or other traditional bar games
l. Age restrictions of 20 years old and above are present at the establishment;
m. A neutral observer visiting the establishment for the first time would reasonably perceive the establishment to be a bar or that the establishment's main line of business is the sale of alcohol;

4. Izakayas. Izakayas are traditional, informal Japanese bars that serve alcoholic drinks and snacks. They are usually frequented after work hours. Izakayas are prohibited by reference (a) and (b). Questions about whether an izakaya-like establishment is a bar or a restaurant should be addressed via chain of command.

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