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From: Commander, Marine Corps Bases Japan
Commanding General, III Marine Expeditionary Force
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Subj: OFF-LIMITS ORDER FOR THE GROUND TOBACCO SHOP

Ref: (a) MCBJO 5420.2A

Encl: (1) Map of The Ground Tobacco Shop

1. Purpose. To continue to have The Ground Tobacco Shop off-limits to Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) personnel.
2. Cancellation. III MEF/MCBJBul 5800 of 7 Jan 2008.
3. Background. This Command has received credible information that The Ground Tobacco Shop has been selling methalone, an illegal drug under United States and Japanese law to SOFA personnel. The Ground Tobacco Shop is located within 500 yards of Lester Middle School and is within 200 yards of the Camp Lester gate. The Ground Tobacco Shop's activities constitute a threat to the health, safety and welfare of our SOFA personnel. Furthermore, I consider the reported activities and sales at The Ground Tobacco Shop to constitute a threat to good order, discipline and the morals of our military community.
4. Action. Pursuant to the reference, effective immediately, The Ground Tobacco Shop, located near the main gate of Camp Lester at 2F 1-5-9 Mihama, Chatan Cho, Okinawa, Japan, is off-limits. See enclosure (1) for location map of The Ground Tobacco Shop.
5. Applicability. This Bulletin is applicable to all SOFA status personnel attached to or accompanying III Marine Expeditionary Force/Marine Corps Bases Japan personnel. This includes all military members, civilian personnel (including contractors), and all dependents. This Bulletin constitutes a general order, and is punitive in nature. This Bulletin applies to personnel attached permanently or in a Temporary Additional Duty status, and will remain in effect until superseded or cancelled. Penalties for violations of this Bulletin include the full range of statutory and regulatory sanctions for civilian and military personnel. The sole exception to this Bulletin is personnel entering The Ground Tobacco Shop in the performance of their official duties.

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6. Dissemination. Subordinate commanders are directed to ensure this Bulletin receives the widest possible dissemination.


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