

CHAPTER 16 COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES FROM FAMILY HOUSING

16.1. Policy Concept. DoD 4165.63-M, *Housing Management*, Chapter 2, Paragraph F allows limited commercial activities that can be properly carried out from FH units. Commercial activities are defined as business enterprises conducted for profit by family member(s) assigned to the unit.

16.1.1. Activities may involve direct sales of products; offering of minor repair service on small items, or incidental services; limited manufacture of items, or tutoring service.

16.1.2. Sales of specific brand name merchandise not available to exchange patrons through the military exchanges should not be construed as competition with an installation's officially sanctioned commerce.

16.2. Requests. Members submit written requests to conduct commercial activities in assigned FH through the Housing Flight Chief. The commander must provide written approval prior to the onset of the business. Approval authority for commercial activities may be delegated in writing to the Housing Flight Chief.

16.3. Limitations:

16.3.1. In no case will commercial activities be authorized or continued at the expense of community tranquility, safety, or the installation mission.

16.3.2. Issues of local government licensing requirements, agreements, host country business practices, and prospective advertising practices will be taken into account as each request is considered. Obtaining necessary licenses is the responsibility of the member.

16.3.3. Childcare in FH units is a special category of commercial activities and is governed by AFI 34-276, *Family Child Care*.

16.3.4. Minor modifications to FH units to permit commercial activities may be requested by occupants. If approved, modifications will be at the occupant's expense, and must follow self-help guidelines. Electrical and fire safety codes must be complied with.

16.4. Solicitation and Liability:

16.4.1. Solicitations. The provisions of DoDD 5500.7, *Standards of Conduct*, concerning solicited sales to personnel junior in rank or grade apply. Authorization of family member employment in government

quarters should be conditioned upon agreement by the family member to comply with the provisions of this directive and any Services' regulations prohibiting solicited sales to subordinates.

16.4.2. Prohibition. The prohibition against door-to-door solicitation (in person or via printed material) applies (DoDD 1344.7, *Personnel Commercial Solicitation on DoD installations*, Section F, paragraph 4m, February 13, 1986).

16.4.3. Liability. Personal liability is possible when conducting a private business. Residents conducting a private business in their FH units could be held liable for loss or damage resulting from the business; therefore, residents should be told to consider obtaining personal liability insurance, which will apply to legal actions

brought by customers as well as covering the member for damages to government property.