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**MEMORANDUM FOR AREA DIRECTORS, ZONE MANAGERS, STORE DIRECTORS,
AND STORE OPERATIONS**

SUBJECT: SOSG Interim Guidance 20-06 Age Restriction Requirement for all Tobacco related products

1. **PURPOSE:** To provide guidance on tobacco related products.
2. **APPLICABILITY:** This guidance applies to all commissaries.
3. **RESPONSIBILITIES:** Area directors, zone managers, and store directors are responsible for implementing guidance and monitoring commissary compliance.
4. **BACKGROUND:** On 20 December 2019 the President of the United States signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act (HR1865) prohibiting the sale and distribution of tobacco products, nicotine vapor products, and alternative nicotine products to all persons under the age of 21 years.
5. As a matter of Federal law, the Defense Commissary Agency and all of its commissaries will not sell or distribute tobacco products, nicotine vapor products and electronic cigarettes to persons under 21 years of age.
6. **GUIDANCE:** Effective August 1, 2020, all commissaries are required to place an age restriction of 21 on all tobacco products, nicotine vapor products including electronic cigarettes. This change will be made to the Point of Sale system under file maintenance procedures.
7. All commissaries will post signage no later than July 1, 2020 to inform patrons of this policy change and will endeavor to stock sufficient quantities of tobacco cessation products prior to its implementation.
8. **POINT OF CONTACT:** Mr. Robert Bunch, DSN 687-8000 extension 86190 or commercial 804-734-8000 extension 86190; Mr. William Ramsey, DSN 687-8000 extension 48497 or commercial 804-734-8000 extension 48497.

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