

Introduction

As a dependent of a military member, or a civilian here at Yokota, we understand a home enterprise is a vital part to the family's mental, financial, and personal well-being. The opportunities to explore hobbies, increase personal income, and occupy time is an important part of our lives.

This brochure will provide some basic information about what legal looks at when determining the legality of a home enterprise application

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This Brochure Includes:

- What does legal look at when determining a home enterprise application?



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What does legal look at?

The involvement of the legal office in the home enterprise application is actually quite limited. When the application comes to our office we look at the proposed home enterprise and what the enterprise's goals are. We compare the proposed enterprise with the regulations in the AFMAN and the AFI (two regulations that control how home enterprises may be established).

The Checklist

Legal, primarily, looks at the following things to determine whether a home enterprise application is legally sufficient.

1. First, we look at whether you live on base. If you live off base home enterprise applications are not governed by DOD or Air Force Regulations. Therefore, the legal office is not involved at all in that process.
2. Second, we look at whether the enterprise proposed is one of a "normal domestic setting." How is this defined? The official definition is "sales or services that are customarily conducted in a domestic setting and do not compete with an installation's officially sanctioned commerce."
3. Next, we look at whether the proposed enterprise involves the direct sale of products, minor repair service on small items, incidental services, tutoring, or limited manufacture of items. These are the types of enterprises allowed. However, this is still subject to the next requirement.
4. We also look at whether you are using your military postal service for your home business. The use of military postal service for this purpose is limited. However, customers may have products delivered to their own PCS box. Mass deliver of items to yourself must be done through the Japanese Postal Service.
5. No home enterprise can compete with AAFES or MWR resale operations. Simply speaking, if AAFES sells Godiva chocolates, a home enterprise cannot sell the same chocolate. If AAFES offers barber shop operations, then a home enterprise cannot offer to cut hair or run a salon. This is a requirement that can disqualify a lot of proposed home enterprises. This is also the reason why all home enterprise applications must run through AAFES as well prior to approval.

You're legally sufficient!

Assuming you have satisfied our checklist, your home enterprise application will be deemed legally sufficient by our office and continue on its way to becoming fully approved!