



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 48TH FIGHTER WING (USAFE)

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL PERSONNEL

FROM: 48 FW/CC 100 ARW/CC

SUBJECT: Policy Letter on Student Use of Tobacco

1. The following policy related to tobacco is defined by Air Force and United States Air Forces Europe policies as well as Status of Forces agreements, UK Laws, DoDEA and DoDDS Policies and Local Supplements to those policies. Individuals who violate these policies are subject to the disciplinary actions of the local school, to include suspension or expulsion, as well as to the local installation per local instruction.
2. This policy applies to all DoD Dependents under the age of 18 and all DoD Dependents attending Department of Defense Dependents Schools or who are Home schooled students regardless of age.
3. **Control, Procurement, Sale, Possession and Use of Tobacco Products:** Sponsors, spouses and other adult family members cannot give or sell rationed tobacco products (including smokeless tobacco) to individuals under 18 years of age. UK laws state that only persons age 16 or older may purchase or use tobacco products. *USAFEI 34-101 Ration Policy* prohibits family members, other than spouses, under the age of 18 from obtaining a ration card, and further prohibits individuals from giving or selling rationed items to individuals that do not have an allowance (i.e., anyone under 18 years of age). Any individual who knowingly provides rationed tobacco products to an individual under 18 years of age risks withdrawal of access to all rationed items. Minor family members between the ages of 16-18 choosing to use tobacco products must purchase such items on the British economy in accordance with UK laws.

NOTE: Individuals, may not procure, possess, distribute or consume tobacco products during school hours on or off school property, on school-owned and operated buses or chartered buses, or when participating in school-sponsored or school-supervised activities on or off campus including field trips, sporting events, and assemblies. Areas on or off campus cannot be designated for student smokers.

4. According to the Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, Columbia University, "the earlier a person uses tobacco, the more likely they are to experiment with cocaine, heroin or other illicit drugs." Clearly, some teenagers are going to choose to smoke despite our best efforts to prevent it. However, this policy against tobacco use during the school day sends a clear, consistent message to our impressionable teenagers. Your compliance and support of this policy may help save lives.

ROBERT P. STEEL, Brig Gen, USAF
Commander, 48th Fighter Wing

MICHAEL S. STOUGH, Colonel, USAF
Commander, 100th Air Refueling Wing