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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

(EXCISE-II)

CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE AP EXCISE (GRANT OF LICENCE OF SELLING BY BAR AND CONDITIONS OF LICENCE) RULES 2025.

[G.O.Ms.No.388, Revenue (Excise-II), 27th June, 2026.]

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 72 read with Sections 17, 28 and 29 of the Andhra Pradesh Excise Act, 1968 (Andhra Pradesh Act No. 17 of 1968) and by Section 12 read with Sections 6 and 7 of the AP (Regulation of Trade in IMFL, FL) Act, 1993 (Act 15 of 1993), the Governor of Andhra Pradesh herby makes the following amendments to the AP Excise (Grant of license of selling by Bar and conditions of license) Rules 2025 issued in G.O. Ms. No. 276 Revenue (Excise -II) Department Dt.13.08.2025:-

1. The following new clause 'aa' shall be added after clause 'a' in sub-rule (1) of Rule 3:

   "*Airport*" means the area comprising the Terminal Building as well as the Airport Plaza.

2. The following new Rule '35-B Grant of Bars in Airports' shall be added after Rule 35-A:-

   Rule 35- B Grant of Bars in Airports: -

(1) Establishments of Bars in Airports: -

Bars may be permitted in airports in the State of Andhra Pradesh, except in Tirupati Airport subject to the requirement and recommendation of the airport operator concerned.

(2) Procedure for Grant of Bar Licence: -

a) No application for grant of Bar licence in an Airport shall be submitted unless the applicant is recommended by the Airport operator concerned for grant of such license. The applicant recommended by the Airport operator shall submit application in Form-1B duly enclosing a challan for Rs.5 lakhs towards non-refundable application fee along with the written recommendation of the airport operator to the Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise through the District Prohibition & Excise Officer concerned.

b) The Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise after due enquiry, may grant the privilege of Bar to the applicant, and the District Prohibition & Excise Officer concerned may issue the Bar licence in Form-2B, subject to fulfilment of all conditions by the applicant.

(3) Period of Licence:

The period of licence for Bars granted to Airports shall be the period of contract agreement (MoU) entered into between the Airport operator and the applicant recommended by the Airport operator for grant of such licence or the licence period of Bar specified under these Rules, whichever is shorter.

(4) Retail Excise Tax:

The Retail Excise Tax for Airport Bars shall be ₹25 lakh per annum for airports with annual airport passenger traffic of 20 lakh and above and for airports with annual airport passenger traffic of less than 20 lakhs, the Retail Excise Tax shall be ₹15 lakh per annum. The Retail Excise Tax payable shall be paid either in one lump sum or in six equal instalments at the option of the applicant.

Provided that if a Bar license is granted after the commencement of the license period, the annual Retail Excise Tax shall be reduced so as to be proportionate to the unexpired period, part of a month being treated as full month.

(5) Business Hours:

The business hours for Airport Bars shall be 24 hours a day, subject to applicable airport operational protocols, security directions, law and order requirements, etc.

(6) Serving Points under Bar Licence:

Up to three serving points under one Airport Bar Licence shall be permitted, without any restriction on the minimum plinth area.

(7) Application of Other Rules:

Save as otherwise expressly provided herein, all Rules and conditions governing Bar licences shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the Bars granted in airports.

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