

**DEPARTMENT OF EXCISE ENTERTAINMENT AND LUXURY TAX  
GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI  
L & N BLCOK, VIKAS BHAWAN, I.P. ESTATE, NEW DELHI-110002**

No.F.Exc-hcr/ (176215)/49/2023-HCR/3891-3894

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During the course of inspections of the licensed premises of Hotels/Clubs/Restaurants, the inspection teams have found a few customers (i.e. below the age of 25yrs) consuming liquor pretending to have completed the minimum age of liquor consumption.

Further, some complaints have also been received in the department that some Excise Licensees serve liquor to the person who have not attained the legal age of drinking as per The Delhi Excise Act, 2009 and the rules framed thereunder.

In this regard, attention is invited to section 23 of The Delhi Excise Act, 2009 which reads as, ***"Prohibition of sale to certain persons. – No person or licensed vendor or his employee or agent shall sell or deliver any liquor to any person apparently under the age of Twenty Five years, whether for consumption by self or others."***

The reported matters have been reviewed and accordingly, all the license holders of Hotels/Clubs/Restaurants are hereby directed to be more careful and to not serve liquor to any person under the age of 25 years without verifying the age through Government IDs.

All the license holders are advised to verify customers' age only with the physical ID instead of virtual IDs shown on the mobile phones (except govt. portals for eg. Digilocker) to minimize the chances of verification of age through fake/edited digital IDs.

Non-compliance of above direction, may invite punitive action under the Delhi Excise Act 2009 and Rules framed thereunder.

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5.12.24

(Tanvir Ahmad)

Deputy Commissioner (Excise)

All the Licensees of Hotels/Clubs/Restuarants.

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