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Subj: EXPANSION OF COAST GUARD EXCHANGE PRIVILEGES FOR AUXILIARISTS

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1. At the meeting of the Auxiliary National Board as part of the 2023 Auxiliary National Training Conference in St. Louis, MO, Captain Jeffrey Eldridge, Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Community Services Command, announced a major expansion of Coast Guard exchange privileges for Auxiliarists.
2. Effective immediately, Auxiliarists of appropriate age are authorized to purchase alcohol and tobacco products from Coast Guard exchanges. Section 6.A.1.d. of the Auxiliary Manual (Commandant Instruction M16790.1G) is amended to read, "Coast Guard exchanges for the purchase of goods and services." This will be included in the next change to the Auxiliary Manual.
3. Internet release is authorized.

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\*\*\*For many reasons including the value of keeping communication lines clear and open as well as facilitating access to training and educational tools, all Auxiliarists are urged to have their own email address and to keep it updated in AUXDATA.\*\*\*

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\*All ALAUX's are posted on the Chief Director of Auxiliary web site located at: [CHDIRAUX ALAUX](#)

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