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PURPOSE: To publicize information on dietary supplement safety to Misawa Air Base.

COMMANDER'S INTENT: To communicate educational information on safe dietary supplement use to the Misawa Air Base community.

BACKGROUND: Dietary supplement use is prevalent across the military; unfortunately, adverse events may result from the use of these supplements. Many supplement users are unaware that dietary supplements are regulated under a different set of regulations than those covering drug products. The FDA is responsible for taking actions against any adulterated or misbranded dietary supplement product <u>AFTER</u> it reaches market. Currently there are no service-wide policies to help educate military personnel on safe use of dietary supplements.

IMPLEMENTATION: In an effort to educate the Misawa Air Base community on safe use of dietary supplements:

a. All personnel are encouraged to visit the following websites for information on high risk supplements and scientific evidence on dietary supplement effectiveness. https://www.opss.org or https://www.fda.gov/food/dietary-supplements

POC: For questions regarding supplement use and supplement safety contact the Health Promotion Coordinator, 35 AMDS/SGPZ, at 226-6420 or the Pharmacy Flight Commander, 35 MDSS/SGSD, at 226-6607.

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