

Alcohol Sales to Be Restricted in Moscow's Parks

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The sale of certain alcoholic beverages in Moscow's summer cafes will be restricted by a decree signed by acting Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyenin, a news report said Monday.

The decree specifically affects cafes and kiosks located in recreational and historic areas, but beer is not one of the banned alcoholic products, Interfax reported.

Restrictions on alcohol sales have been increasing in recent years. On Jan. 1, 2013, the sale of any alcoholic product was banned between 11 p.m. and 8 a.m. Alcohol sales in temporary cafes with an area of less than 50 square meters was also prohibited.

A source in the city administration Monday said that alcohol sales with the exception of beer, cider and mead will be prohibited in kiosks located in the city's recreational public facilities such as parks, historical areas and nature preserves, Interfax said.

The ban will also impact on retail outlets in Moscow Zoo, the Muzeon outdoor art exhibition and other facilities managed by the city's culture department.

Life expectancy in Russia among males was 64 in 2011, according to the State Statistics Service, while the figure for females was 75.6 years.

Health experts cite high alcohol consumption as a major contributor to men's early deaths.

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