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I have had a look at the Department for Transport policy circular and feel that it makes it quite clear that there should be no sale of alcohol, even in services on privately owned land.

To quote from the policy:- (my italics)

10. Until 1992, the Department for Transport was responsible for developing MSAs: acquiring land, funding construction and leasing the completed sites to operating companies. Since 1992, government policy has been that the private sector should take the initiative in identifying and acquiring MSA sites and seeking planning consent from local planning authorities. When completed, these MSAs are owned by the private sector rather than the Government. *The Government, through the Highways Agency, continues to have an interest in these (new and existing) privately owned sites, in relation to motorway safety and traffic management.*
11. *Operators of both new and existing MSAs, whether leased from the Government or privately owned, must comply with the requirements of government policy.* These provisions are reflected in the Traffic Signs Agreements into which they enter with the Highways Agency. If they do not observe these conditions, action can be taken which could ultimately lead to the closure of sites. However, operators have responsibility for all other operational matters at MSAs, including pricing and staffing levels.
12. *The development of roadside facilities on APTRs has traditionally been led by The private sector, with the Highways Agency providing advice on road safety and traffic management issues.*
- 116 *There is to be no sales or consumption of alcohol anywhere on the premises of a MSA or MRA*