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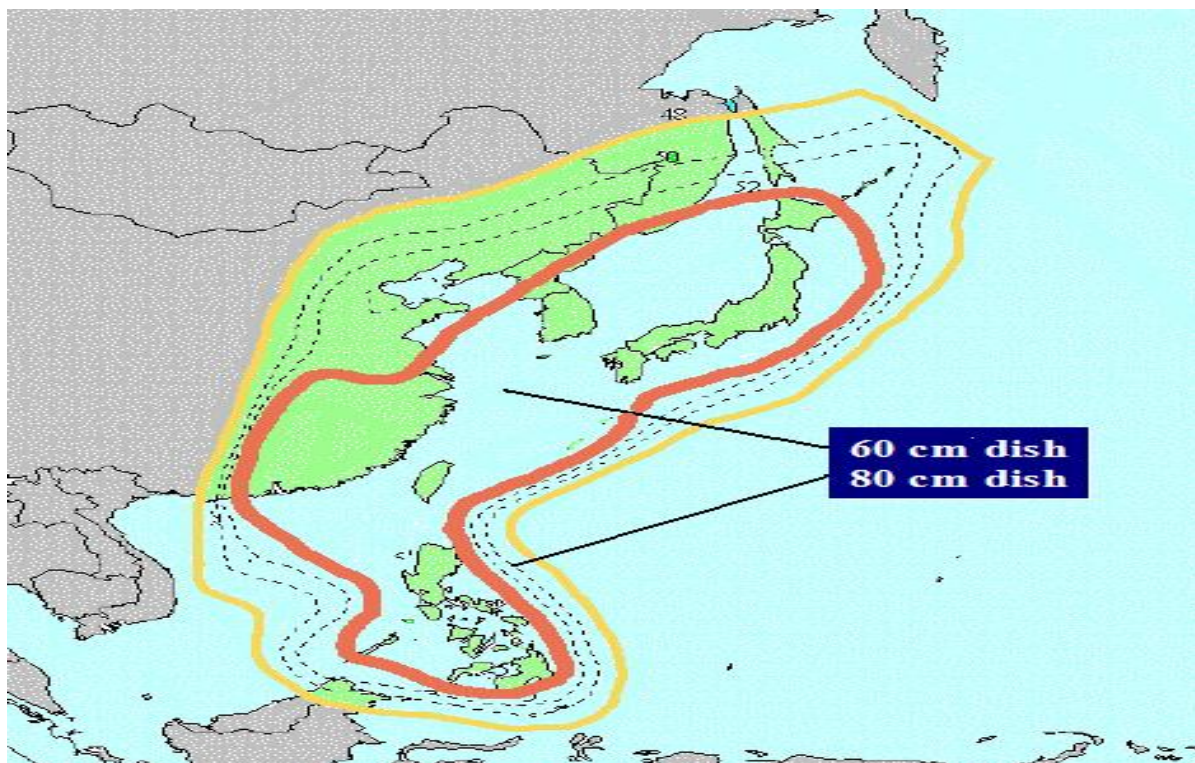
### AFRTS DIRECT-TO-HOME SERVICE (Pacific)

Since September of 2002, the U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM), the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES), the Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM), and AFRTS have jointly sponsored a satellite direct-to-home (DTH) service for service members, DoD civilian employees and their family members living off-base in Japan and Korea. In late 2005, PACOM added a quality of life and situational awareness program in Japan that provides their off-base personnel a free loaner decoder during their tour. Decoders are available at military exchanges for lease only in Korea.

Using an SES News Skies satellite over the Pacific Ocean, AFRTS delivers nine television services, a program guide, and 12 radio services that are received in Japan and Korea with a 60cm or 80cm satellite dish (depending on location) and an integrated receiver/decoder (IRD). Both the dish and the IRD are available through most of Japan and Korea AAFES, NEXCOM and MCX stores. In Japan, the Housing Office Furnishings Management Office on each installation makes this equipment available to eligible viewers living off base without charge. As of May 2009, more than 7,700 IRD have been issued by housing furniture offices in Japan.

PACOM estimated that there were approximately 16,000 off-base households that received only one over-the-air AFRTS television service or no service at all. With Pacific exchange stores leasing decoders and Japan-based members offering loaner decoders while living off base, all families can now be served with the full complement of AFRTS television and radio services. As of May 2009, 2,700 IRDs have been leased by households in Japan and Korea.

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