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WHEREAS Government has been taking various measures towards the management and prevention of Covid -19 and as part of a graded response certain restrictions were put in place for various public activities and guidelines have been issued from time to time as per the evolving situation.

AND WHEREAS the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) vide Order no. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 24.03.2020 had issued Guidelines for strict implementation of the various measures taken by the Government for effective prevention of COVID-19 epidemic across the country.

AND WHEREAS the Guidelines had directed the suspension of all hospitality services (with certain exceptions to permitted hotels, home stays lodges and motels which are accommodating tourists and persons stranded due to lockdown enforced in the country and those that have been permitted/requisitioned for quarantine facilities). Other than the permitted hotels all other hotels were shut down.

AND WHEREAS Ministry of Home Affairs has issued orders under the Disaster Management Act 2005 dated 30.05.2020 extending the lockdown in Containment Zones upto 30.6.2020 and to reopen certain activities in a phased manner in areas outside the containment zones. The said orders provided that MoHFW will issue SOPs for the following activities w.e.f. 08.06.2020:

1. Religious places/places of worship for public

2. Hotels, Restaurants and other hospitality services.
3. Shopping Malls.

AND WHEREAS the SOPs as mentioned above have been formulated in consultation with the Ministries/Departments concerned and other stakeholders and issued to be made applicable with effect from 08.06.2020.( A copy of the same is enclosed herewith).

AND WHEREAS, inorder to ensure that the hotels strictly adhere to the SOPs and for proper monitoring of its implementation, it has been decided that all hotels registered with the Department of Tourism which are desirous of operating their hotel accommodations in pursuance of the abovesaid orders shall obtain prior approval of the Department of Tourism.

AND WHEREAS, such registered accommodation units that are ready with compliance of the SOPs and set to open their business anytime from 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020 onwards shall submit their applications alongwith a self-declaration form to that effect to the Department of Tourism at ***goaonline.gov.in*** and at the website of the Department at ***goatourism.gov.in***.

NOW THEREFORE all hoteliers are hereby directed to strictly adhere to the SOPs enclosed herewith and obtain prior approval of the Department as mentioned above for commencing their operations.



  
(Menino D'Souza)  
Director of Tourism

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All Hotels

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  - 2) Collector South, Margao - Goa
  - 3) Dy. Director of Tourism (North)
  - 4) Dy. Director of Tourism (South)