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No. N 5/3(535)/2020-DT/129

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CIRCULAR

Read: Circular No. N 5/3 (353)/2020-DT/66 dated July 2, 2020

WHEREAS, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) vide order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated May 30, 2020 has issued guidelines for a phased re-opening of activities in areas outside the containment zones, allowing hotels, restaurants, shopping malls and other hospitality services to open from June 8, 2020 onwards. Vide Circular No. N 5/3(535)/2020-DT/38 dated June 8, 2020, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) had issued Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for safe opening of hotels, restaurants, shopping malls and other hospitality services.

AND WHEREAS, Government of Goa had decided to open tourism activities in the State of Goa from July 2, 2020 onwards. Accordingly, vide the above read circular No. N 5/3 (353)/2020-DT/66 dated July 2, 2020, the State Government had decided to permit all registered hotel accommodations in the State which have complied to the SOPs and Guidelines as stated above, to operate from July 2, 2020 onwards. A comprehensive 'Safety and Hygiene Guide' has also been circulated for adoption by all stakeholders wherein the guidelines issued by MoHFW, SOPs issued by Ministry of Tourism, alongwith global protocols issued by World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC) and suggestions received from the stakeholders were incorporated. The guide includes detailed protocols for:

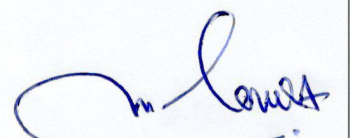
- a. Tourist Entry into the State
- b. Accommodation Units
- c. Tour & Travel Operators
- d. Tourist transport operators
- e. Tourist Guides

AND WHEREAS, the Department of Tourism vide the above read Circular had also issued an Advisory for the testing / entry process for tourists arriving in the State of Goa.

AND WHEREAS, the guidelines for phased re-opening (unlock 4) of the Ministry of Home Affairs Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 29.08.2020, has stated that there shall be no restrictions on inter-state and intra-state movement of persons. No separate permission / approval / e-permit will be required for such movements.

Accordingly, the following revised protocol is issued for tourists entering the State of Goa:

- A) Domestic Tourists:** It shall not be mandatory for tourists coming from other States to undergo COVID-19 test at the entry points.
- i. All tourists will have to undergo a basic thermal screening at the respective hotels where they have done their bookings;
 - ii. Any tourist exhibiting sickness or COVID-19 related symptoms on arrival will be subjected to a COVID-19 test at designated testing centers / hospitals at the tourists' cost.
- B) International travelers:** Travelers coming from other countries via sea or air will be subjected to the extant protocols issued by Government of India in this regard.
- C)** Tourists shall be required to fill a self-declaration form in the format provided at their accommodation unit. The Accommodation units are required to collect the self-declaration form from all their guests, which is required for contact tracing purposes in case of COVID related emergencies.
- D)** All other contents in the above referred Circular dated July 2, 2020 and the guidelines and protocols in the comprehensive 'Safety and Hygiene Guide' shall remain unchanged. All stakeholders and concerned are requested to take note of the above and adhere to the procedure.


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To:

All Hotels

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- 3) Dy. Director of Tourism (North)
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