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C I R C U L A R

Ref Number: 88-SS/CIR/2020/17
Date: 18 March 2020
To: All Tourist Accommodation Facilities
Subject: **COVID-19 – Situation Monitoring: Special Permit for Seaplane Operators**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Following the notice of Health Protection Agency of the Maldives (HPA) dated 14th March 2020 (Ref: 2020/8), on the suspension of movements of people from resorts to other islands, please be informed that HPA has requested the Ministry of Tourism to inform all tourist resorts that a special permission has been granted for all seaplane operators in the Maldives.

As per this special permit granted by HPA, crew members of the seaplanes are allowed to stay overnight at tourist resorts and leave from the resort. This is to facilitate smooth transfer of tourists from resorts to Velana International Airport for Departures. However, the resort management must ensure that these crew members are accommodated in a segregated area.

Once again, we remind all tourist resorts to strictly follow and adhere to all regulations, guidelines and instructions in relation to COVID-19 issued by HPA, Ministry of Tourism and other relevant agencies.

We sincerely appreciate and thank you for your continued support and cooperation during this challenging time.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

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