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**MINISTRY OF TOURISM**  
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

**VERY URGENT!**

**C I R C U L A R**

**Ref Number:** 88-QARS/CIR/2020/64

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**To:** All Tourist Transit Facilities

**Subject:** Transit Facility Rules

Dear Sir/Madam,

As we move forward after the re-opening of our borders to international tourist and adjusting to the 'new normal' we would like to remind all approved Transit Tourist Facilities to adhere to the procedures and guidelines announced by the Health Protection Agency (HPA) and Ministry of Tourism.

Please be informed that under the aforementioned approval to operate transit tourist facilities, ONLY tourists on transit (i.e. layovers, waiting for transfers/departure and flight crews with crew visa) are allowed to stay and utilize the services for a time period of no longer than 48 hours. All tourists awaiting departure must have a confirmed return ticket within 48 hours from check-in into the transit facilities.

Furthermore, tourists awaiting transfers in transit facilities are required to present a booking confirmation (made prior to their arrival) to an approved tourist establishment and tourists are required to stay within the premises of the transit facility at ALL times.

We thank you all for your continued support & cooperation during this challenging time and for any further queries please contact our hotline at 7223131 or reach out to us via e-mail at [smu@tourism.gov.mv](mailto:smu@tourism.gov.mv)

Sincerely,

Asad Riza

Deputy Minister