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Revision of Entry Requirements for Foreign Travellers to Cambodia

The Ministry of Health ("MOH") issued an announcement dated 4 August 2020 on the Adjustment of the Entry Requirements for Foreign Travellers to Cambodia to safeguard health and safety of foreign travellers visiting Cambodia. Foreign travellers are categorised into four groups: (i) sponsored; (ii) invited but not sponsored; (iii) neither sponsored nor invited investors-businesspersons, company employees, experts, skilled workers, technicians and family members; and (iv) regular foreign travellers (who do not fall within the first three categories).

Pursuant to the announcement, foreign travellers must prepare the required documents before their arrival in Cambodia. These documents must be presented to the Cambodian authority at the international airports in Cambodia. The following are the different categories of foreign travellers in Cambodia and the requirements applicable to each category:

1. Foreign investors, businesspersons, company employees, experts, skilled workers, technicians, and family members who are sponsored

1.1 Before arriving in Cambodia

The foreign traveller must obtain the following documents:

- A COVID-19 health clearance certificate with a validity period within 72 hours issued by a competent health authority of the country from which the foreign traveller resides immediately before his flight to Cambodia;
- A validation certificate on payment guarantee issued by the Royal Government of Cambodia ("RGC"). The chief executive officer or a shareholder of a company registered in Cambodia shall provide a payment guarantee for the foreign traveller by filing the request online via the RGC's website, the Council for the Development of Cambodia's website or the MOH's website. The validation certificate can be printed for visa extension at the Royal Embassy of Cambodia or the relevant Consulate;
- A valid visa issued by the Royal Embassy of Cambodia or Consulate at the country of residence; and
- A letter or document showing proof of hotel reservation made at least three days prior to departure to Cambodia. Travellers are required to stay at either of these hotels:
 - Sokha Hotel Phnom Penh: total cost of US\$385 (US\$220 for a two-night stay, US\$60 for meals for two days, US\$105 for the first COVID-19 test fee, and transportation cost from the airport to the hotel)

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Phnom Penh

Website: <u>www.sokhahotels.com</u> Phone number: (+855) 23 685 8888

 TIAN YI International Hotels: total cost of US\$315 (US\$150 for two-night stay, US\$60 for meals for two days, US\$105 for the first COVID-19 test fee, and transportation fee from the airport to the hotel)

Address : 112, Russian Boulevard, Sangkat Teuk Thla, Khan Sen Sok, Phnom

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Website: <u>www.tianyihotels.com</u> Phone number: (+855) 88 338 2333

In the event that the actual expenditure is less than the above-mentioned amount, the hotel will refund the foreign traveller the remaining amount.

1.2 Arrival at international airports in Cambodia

The traveller must present the required documents such as a valid visa, the COVID-19 health clearance certificate, the certificate on payment guarantee, and the letter or document confirming hotel reservation. The foreign traveller shall then undergo COVID-19 medical examination before being transported to one of the hotels.

In the event that a 14-day quarantine is required, the sponsor shall cover: (a) the total expenses based on the actual invoice for the 14-day quarantine period, the payment of which must be settled in full by the seventh day of the traveller's stay; and (b) the follow-up COVID-19 tests at the end of the quarantine period.

In the event that the foreign traveller is tested positive for COVID-19 during his stay in Cambodia, the sponsor shall be responsible for all the medical expenses incurred in relation to the patient until he recovers. The sponsor shall comply with the relevant laws and fully cooperate with MOH in facilitating the travels of the sponsored travellers.

2. Foreign investors, businesspersons, company employees, experts, skilled workers, technicians, and family members who are not sponsored but invited

2.1 Before arriving in Cambodia

The foreign traveller must obtain the following documents:

 a COVID-19 health clearance certificate with a validity period within 72 hours issued by a competent health authority of the country from which the foreign traveler resides immediately before his flight to Cambodia;

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- a validation certificate on payment guarantee issued by the Royal Government of Cambodia ("RGC"). The chief executive officer or a shareholder of a company registered in Cambodia shall provide a payment guarantee for the foreign traveller by filing the request online via the RGC's website or the Council for the Development of Cambodia's website or MOH's website. The validation certificate can be printed for visa extension at Royal Embassy of Cambodia or the relevant Consulate;
- a valid visa issued by Royal Embassy of Cambodia or Consulate at the country of residence;
- a health insurance package for COVID-19 treatment; and
- a letter or document showing proof of hotel reservation made at least three days prior to the departure to Cambodia. Travellers are required to stay at one of the hotels mentioned in 1.1.

2.2 Arrival at international airports in Cambodia

The foreign traveller shall present the required documents such as a valid visa, a COVID-19 health clearance certificate, a COVID-19 health insurance package, the invitation letter, and the letter or document confirming hotel reservation. The foreign traveller shall then undergo COVID-19 medical examination before being transported to the hotel.

In the event that one or more fellow passengers of the foreign traveller are tested positive for COVID-19, the invited traveller shall deposit US\$2,000 to cover: (i) his hotel accommodation cost while waiting for the COVID-19 test result; (ii) medical examination fee; (iii) local transportation cost; and (iv) other expenses during the quarantine period.

3. Foreign investors, businesspersons, company employees, experts, skilled workers, technicians, and family members who are neither sponsored nor invited

This type of foreign travellers shall comply with the regulation and health measure stated in section 4 below.

4. Other regular foreign travellers (who do not fall within the first three categories)

Regular foreign travellers shall comply with Notification No. 564 dated 11 June 2020 on the Service Fees for COVID-19 medical examination, quarantine and COVID-19 treatment at public hospitals.

In the event that one or more fellow passengers of the foreign traveller are tested positive for COVID-19, the invited traveller shall deposit US\$2,000 to cover: (i) his hotel accommodation cost while waiting for the COVID-19 test result; (ii) medical examination fee; (iii) local transportation cost; and (iv) other expenses during the quarantine period.

Regular foreign travellers are also required to show proof of a COVID-19 health insurance package with coverage for 20 days at US\$90 from FORTE Insurance Company.

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