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**MINISTRY OF TOURISM**  
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

**Regulation on Collection of Data for the Compilation of  
Tourism Statistics in the Maldives**

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Name & Introduction	1.	1.1	This regulation is made pursuant to the article 42 of the Maldives Tourism Act, Law No. 2/99, with regard to collection of data for the compilation of tourism statistics.
		1.2	This regulation shall be cited as “ <i>Regulation on Collection of Data for the Compilation of Tourism Statistics.</i> ”
Purpose	2.		This Regulation prescribes the procedures and guidelines for the collection and use of data related to tourism statistics in the Maldives.
Submission of Data	3.	3.1	All tourist establishments providing accommodation services to tourists visiting the Maldives, shall furnish information stipulated under this regulation, to the Ministry, in accordance with this regulation and within the timelines provided.
		3.2	All information predetermined in this regulation must be submitted through the online portal, “ <i>Tourism Information Management System (TIMS)</i> ”, of the Ministry.
		3.3	Where a tourist establishment, on the date of this regulation, is not registered at the portal mentioned in Section 3.2 of this regulation, they must register themselves at the portal within 3 months from the date of this regulation.
Data to be Submitted	4.	4.1	Data required to be submitted under this regulation on a regular basis are; i. All information, as detailed out in <b>Annex 1</b> of this regulation ii. Data on tourism sector employees as and when required by the Ministry iii. Data as and when required for studies and research conducted by Ministry for the development of tourism in the Maldives
		4.2	In addition to the data stipulated in Section 4.1 of this regulation, where the Ministry requires additional data of tourists, at situations of national or international emergencies, all tourist establishments must provide the data as and when requested.
		4.3	The Ministry shall inform tourist establishments in writing, on the data mentioned in Section 4.2 of this regulation, which should include the details of the data to be submitted, the manner in which it must be submitted, and the date by which it should be submitted.
		4.4	Where a tourist establishment has temporarily suspended its operation for any purpose, they can be exempted from submitting the data required under this regulation during the period of suspension, provided they have informed the Ministry in writing and have been granted necessary permissions by the Ministry.
Amendments to Data to be Submitted	5		The Ministry reserves the right to change and or amend the requirements of the data to be submitted under Section 4 of this regulation as and when needed. Any such changes or amendments shall be included in the <b>Annex 1</b> as stipulated in Section 4.1, and will become effective from the date of publication in the government Gazette.

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Data Required by other Government Bodies	6	The execution of this regulation does not have any effect whatsoever on the existing regulations set out by any other government agencies to collect information/data
Record Keeping	7	All tourist establishments shall maintain records of past two years' information/data submitted to this Ministry under this regulation.
Penalties	8	<p>8.1 If a tourist establishment violates this regulation, the Ministry has the discretion to act as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. At the <b>first</b> instance of breach, impose a fine of Maldivian Rufiyaa 100/- (hundred) per bed registered in that tourist establishment.</li><li>ii. If breached for the <b>second</b> time, impose a fine of Maldivian Rufiyaa 250/- (two hundred and fifty) per bed registered in that tourist establishment.</li><li>iii. If breached for the <b>third</b> time, impose a fine of Maldivian Rufiyaa 500/- (five hundred) per bed registered in that tourist establishment.</li></ul> <p>8.2 If non-compliance of a provision occurs by any tourist establishment for more than three consecutive times, the Ministry has the discretion to impose a fine of Maldivian Rufiyaa 1,000/- (one thousand) per bed registered in that tourist establishment.</p> <p>8.3 Maximum amount a tourist establishment can be penalised under Sections 8.1 and 8.2 of this regulation is Maldivian Rufiyaa 100,000/- (one hundred thousand).</p> <p>8.4 Any fine imposed under this regulation shall be paid in full, and as instructed by the Ministry, to the Maldives Inland Revenue Authority (MIRA) within 7 days from the date of the letter of penalisation.</p> <p>8.5 Where a tourist establishment fails to pay the fine as stated in Section 8.4 of this regulation, the Ministry reserves the right to withhold the license issued to the tourist establishment by the Ministry.</p> <p>8.6 Where and when a license is revoked under this regulation, it shall only be reinstated, upon settling overdue fines and submitting all pending reports required under this regulation.</p> <p>8.7 All fines imposed under this regulation shall be paid to the Maldives Inland Revenue Authority (MIRA).</p>
Confidentiality	9	<p>9.1 The Ministry reserves all rights of the data submitted to the Ministry under this regulation, however, shall maintain the confidentiality of the data submitted by tourist establishments under this regulation.</p> <p>9.2 Data submitted under this regulation shall only be shared or published as aggregates. Individual establishment's data shall not be shared with any other party.</p> <p>9.3 Section 9.1 of this Regulation does not restrict the Ministry from sharing the data submitted under this regulation, with the National Bureau of Statistics under a National Statistics Act or regulation.</p>

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- 9.4 Where and when the Ministry deemed it vital to disclose a data for maintaining public order, Section 9.1 of this regulation does not limit the right the Ministry reserves in sharing the data submitted under this regulation.
- Definitions 10 In this regulation, unless the context otherwise requires;
- i. **“Ministry”** refers to the Ministry of Tourism, or the government body responsible for regulating tourism in the Maldives.
  - ii. **“Tourist”** refers any person defined as a tourist in the Maldives Tourism Act Law No. 2/99
  - iii. **“Tourism Act”** refers to the Law No. 2/99 (The Maldives Tourism Act)
  - iv. **“Tourist establishment”** refers to all tourist resorts, tourist hotels, tourist guesthouses, training resorts, transit hotels, city hotels, yacht marinas, and tourist vessels registered with the Ministry to provide lodging and or meals services to tourists visiting the Maldives.
  - v. **“Emergency”** refer to any event defined as disaster in the National Disaster Act 28/2015
- Implementation 11 This regulation shall come into force commencing from the date of publication on government Gazette
- Repeal Regulation 12 With the implementation of this regulation, Regulation No. R-19/2011 (*Regulation on Collection of Data for the Compilation of Tourism Statistics*) shall be deemed repealed.

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### **Annex 1**

#	Report Name	Details	Deadline
1.	Occupancy Report	<p>i. A monthly report on <b>Occupancy</b> should be submitted. This report should include daily data on total number of tourists that stayed at the establishment with the total number of rooms occupied by these tourists. The format for this report is annexed as <b>Form A</b>.</p> <p>ii. Data on locals and work permit holders should not be included in this report.</p> <p>iii. If no tourist stayed in the establishment during the reporting period, it should also be submitted as a “nil” report.</p>	The previous months report should be submitted on or before the 7 <sup>th</sup> day of the current month.
2.	Tourist Arrivals by Nationality	A monthly report on <b>Tourist Arrivals by Nationality</b> should be submitted. This report should include information on all the tourists stayed at the establishment as paying guests during the month. The format for this report is annexed as <b>Form B</b> .	The previous months report should be submitted on or before the 7 <sup>th</sup> day of the current month.



