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DIRECTIVE

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**Activities at places outside Hong Kong and without accommodation
Resolution No. 232
(Directive category: Outbound → Others)**

The requirements in relation to the levy as stipulated in the Travel Agents Ordinance, put simply, are that travel agents are liable to pay the levy in respect of every outbound fare received for providing a combination of any two or all of the following services or arrangements: (a) transport from Hong Kong to any other places; (b) accommodation at any places outside Hong Kong; (c) activities at any places outside Hong Kong.

According to the requirements, members need not pay the levy for travel products which are merely a single item of the above (a), (b) or (c), and such travel products are not covered by the Travel Industry Compensation Fund and the Package Tour Accident Contingency Fund Scheme.

To ensure that travellers clearly understand the above, the Board of Directors decided to amend Directive No. 102 at its meeting held on 12 December 2017 as follows:

If any travel products on sale by members are activities at any places outside Hong Kong and without accommodation, then the information in Items (1) and (2) below, apart from having to be clearly stated in the receipts, shall be clearly stated in the relevant promotional information, product information and itineraries and be provided to consumers before transactions:

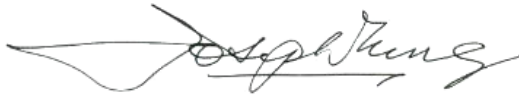
- (1) the travel products concerned are not covered by the Travel Industry Compensation Fund and the Package Tour Accident Contingency Fund Scheme; and**
- (2) whether the travel products concerned will be accompanied by holders of valid Tour Escort Passes issued by the TIC.**

Examples of activities at any places outside Hong Kong and without accommodation include one-day trips which begin and end in Shenzhen, half-day local trips in Japan, etc.

This Directive supersedes Directive No. 102 and takes effect from 1 January 2018. Violation of this directive will be subject to penalties laid down in Article 11 of the TIC's Articles of Association.

For latest information on rules of the TIC, please visit the TIC website (<www.tichk.org>
→ “Codes and Regulations”).

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TRAVEL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF HONG KONG



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