

**INTERPRETATIONS FOR CIRCULAR NO. 07 OF 2019 ON
CONCESSIONS GRANTED TO TOURISM INDUSTRY**

The following interpretations are issued in relation the Circular No. 07 of 2019 dated 08 May 2019 on Concessions Granted to Tourism Industry.

1. Individuals

Individuals include persons providing services to tourism sector and permanent employees of entities who provide services to tourism sector.

2. Registration

- (i) Persons and entities providing services to tourism sector shall be registered with any of the following Institutions, as at 18.04.2019.
 - (a) Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority
 - (b) Agencies under Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority
 - i) Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau
 - ii) Sri Lanka Tourism Convention Bureau
 - iii) Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management
 - (c) The Hotels Association of Sri Lanka
- (ii) Persons and entities who have not registered with any of the Institutions referred in 2(i) above as at 18.04.2019, shall have at least registered their businesses/ services with the local government authorities such as Pradeshya Sabha, Urban Council or Municipal Council as at 18.04.2019 and in order to avail the moratorium, such persons and entities shall now be required to register with the relevant institution/s referred in 2(i) above.

3. Granting of moratorium

- (i) Individuals or entities who wish to avail the moratorium shall make a request to the relevant licensed bank seeking such moratorium.
- (ii) Licensed banks shall evaluate such request individually, including the requirement stipulated in para 2 above, in order to assess the eligibility.
- (iii) The moratorium shall be granted for any performing credit facilities (both capital and interest) as at 18.04.2019 of such individuals or entities.

- (iv) Licensed banks shall report all individuals or entities who have requested to avail the moratorium, as per the reporting format prescribed in the Circular No. 07 of 2019 on Concessions Granted to Tourism Industry.

4. Accounting Treatment under SLFRS 9

- (i) Licensed banks shall comply with the instructions provided by the Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka in relation to recognitions of interest income and accounting for financial assets (Annex I).