

Travel Agents (Amendment) Bill 2001 passed

The Legislative Council (LegCo) today (April 24) passed the Travel Agents (Amendment) Bill 2001.

The purpose of the Bill is to enhance the standard of inbound travel agents and protect Hong Kong's reputation as a tourist-friendly city.

Under the new legislation, all inbound travel agents will be required to apply for a licence, as in the case of outbound travel agents, from the Registrar of Travel Agents.

As licensing requirements include membership of the Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong (TIC), inbound travel agents will also be required to observe TIC's codes of conduct and directives and be regulated by TIC.

The new legislation will take effect about six months after its passage by the LegCo. The date will be specified in the gazette.

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