



MINISTRY OF TOURISM  
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

C I R C U L A R

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Date: 08<sup>th</sup> May 2021

To: All Tourist Facilities

Subject: **Update on Travel Restriction for South Asian Countries**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Reference is made to the **Announcement Number 2021/44** published on the Government of Maldives Gazette on **08<sup>th</sup> May 2021**, by Health Protection Agency (HPA). With the authority vested with Director General of Public Health under the clause number 34 and 12 of the Public Health Act 7/2012, it has been decided to further strengthen travel restrictions for South Asian Countries (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka), effective **09<sup>th</sup> May 2021** until further notice;

1. To halt any further check-ins of inbound tourists from South Asian Countries to Guesthouses and Hotels in Inhabited Islands (excluding hotels and guesthouses in secluded areas of the Inhabited Islands).
2. To temporarily suspend the entry of Work Permit Holders to Maldives from South Asian Countries stated above.

We regret any inconveniences caused in our endeavor to make tourism in the Maldives the safest possible with minimum inconvenience, and as always, take this opportunity to thank all tourist facilities for the support & cooperation extended to us at all times.

For further clarification, please contact our Situation Monitoring Unit (SMU) on (+960) 9423131 or email us at [smu@tourism.gov.mv](mailto:smu@tourism.gov.mv) .

Yours sincerely,

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