



香港旅遊業議會  
TRAVEL INDUSTRY COUNCIL  
OF HONG KONG

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Dear Members

**TIA reminds members to comply with the requirements on change of control and cessation of business operations**

The Travel Industry Authority (TIA) has issued the below reminder to all licensed travel agents on 3 February 2023. Members are reminded to read the followings:



Dear licensees:

Since the new regulatory regime for the travel industry was implemented on 1st September 2022, this Authority has seen incidents of licensed travel agents (“licensee”) failing to comply with the following requirements, and thus this Authority is issuing this reminder with a view to improving compliance:

- A licensee must not change, or permit a change of, the ownership or control of its business as a travel agent without the Authority’s prior approval in writing. Anyone contravening this requirement commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of HK\$10,000.
- Licensees’ licence is imposed a condition that if a licensee intends to cease to carry on travel agent business, the licensee must notify the Authority in writing of the intention not less than 14 days before the business ceases. This requirement is also applicable to the case in which a licensee intends not to apply for the renewal of the licensee’s licence, and therefore the licensee must notify the Authority in writing of the intention not less than 14 days before the expiry of the licence. Anyone contravening this requirement commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of HK\$100,000 and to imprisonment for two years.
- If a licensee ceases to carry on travel agent business at a local place of business, the licensee’s authorised representative must inform the Authority of the cessation by giving the Authority a notice in writing within 14 days beginning on the date of the cessation. An authorised representative who fails to comply with this requirement may be required to cease to be the authorised representative of the licensee.

Relevant information is available on this Authority’s website ([www.tia.org.hk](http://www.tia.org.hk)). For enquiries, please call 3698 5900 or email to [enquiry@tia.org.hk](mailto:enquiry@tia.org.hk).

Yours sincerely  
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