TOURISM TAX (TTx) POLICY NO. 1/2023

LIABILTY TO CHARGE, COLLECT, ACCOUNT AND REMIT TOURISM TAX (TTx) ON A FOREIGN TOURIST WHO MAKES AN ONLINE BOOKING OF ACCOMODATION PREMISE IN MALAYSIA VIA A REGISTERED DIGITAL PLATFORM SERVICE PROVIDER

- Under subsection 20B (1) of the Tourism Tax (Amendment) Act 2021, every digital platform service provider ("DPSP") who makes available accommodation premises in Malaysia through the service relating to online booking accommodation premises shall collect the tourism tax from the tourist.
- 2. Nonetheless, the Minister of Finance has granted a grace period of three months starting from 1 JANUARY 2023 TO 31 MARCH 2023 pertaining to the following matters:

(i) A registered DPSP who **receives payment** directly from a foreign tourist for the online booking of an accommodation premise, is required to charge, collect, account and remit the tourism tax to the RMCD according to the registered DPSP's relevant taxable period.

(ii) A registered operator who **receives payment** for the accommodation premise provided through an online booking made by a foreign tourist via a registered DPSP's platform is required to charge, collect, account and remit the tourism tax to the RMCD according to the registered operator's relevant taxable period.

DPSPs will be **fully responsible** for charging, collecting, accounting and remitting of tourism tax to the RMCD for online bookings of accommodation premises starting from 1 APRIL 2023 irrespective of who receives the booking payment from the foreign tourist.

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