

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 155

Regarding Procedures for Tour Operator Applications

WHEREAS, the travel industry is a major source of economic activity and benefit for the Republic of Palau (“Republic”) and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, there is an increased number of Tour Operator businesses in the Republic and a demand for services in this sector; and

WHEREAS, among the paramount interests of the Republic are ensuring compliance with our laws and advancing and protecting the safety and welfare of our citizens and others within our jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the President of the Republic is vested with the authority to approve and grant licenses to tour operators within the Republic; and

WHEREAS, all Tour Operators’ licenses require as a precondition for their issuance the submission of applications and the approval of such applications by the President; and

WHEREAS, the Palau Visitors Authority plays a significant role in the promotion of the Republic's tourism industry and consults with the President on matters relating to Tour Operators and is duly qualified to provide assistance to the President in the performance of his duties under 11 PNC 901 et seq.;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Republic and 11 PNC 901 et seq., I hereby direct the Board of Directors of Palau Visitors Authority to develop and present to me an application for licensing of Tour Operators within the Republic of Palau that, at a minimum, shall contain the following information:

1. Evidence of compliance with all applicable laws and regulations of the Republic of Palau, and
2. A certification and recommendation from the Palau Visitors Authority Board of Directors or its authorized representative to the President either for approval or denial of the application.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 1st day of July, 1997, at the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau