

## **SUSPENSION of ‘Outbound Tour Operator’ Scope of Certification**

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Dear Certification Bodies,

The GSTC is writing to inform you of a temporary suspension of the certification for the scope of Outbound Tour Operator.

The suspension is due to the need to develop clear and consistent guidance on auditing practices to ensure a reliable accreditation process for all.

The GSTC will ensure that you are updated regarding this matter.

In the meantime, you may continue the certification for other TO scopes, except for the outbound TO scope, under the GSTC requirements.

The suspension takes immediate effect and will remain in place until further notice.

We appreciate your understanding and continued collaboration. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards,

GSTC Accreditation Secretariat