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MINISTER'S ORDER RE: ESTABLISHING RULES UNDER THE SAFETY AND CONSUMER STATUTES ADMINISTRATION ACT, 1996

WHEREAS clause 8.2 (1) (b) of the *Safety and Consumer Statutes Administration Act,* 1996 (the "SCSAA") provides that the Minister may, by order, establish rules about the nomination of board members, the appointment or election process, the length of their terms and whether they may be reappointed or re-elected;

AND WHEREAS the Travel Industry Council of Ontario ("TICO") is designated as the administrative authority for the purpose of administering the provisions of the *Travel Industry Act*, 2002 and the regulations made under that Act;

AND WHEREAS TICO is required to exercise its powers and duties in such a manner as to protect the public interest and to comply with the principle of maintaining a fair, safe and informed marketplace.

AND WHEREAS establishing rules under clause 8.2 (1) (b) facilitates an effective board by bringing different perspectives to TICO as well as aligning with best practices of administrative authority governance;

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to clause 8.2 (1) (b) of the SCSAA I hereby make the following Order:

1. In this order,

"travel agent" and "travel wholesaler" have the same meaning as in the *Travel Industry Act*, 2002.

"Board" means the board of directors of TICO.

2. The following rules are hereby established:

Nomination of Board Members

(a) The Board shall establish a nominations committee that consists of the chair of the Board and three other directors, including at least one director appointed by the Minister under subsection 8 (1) of the SCSAA.

(b) Eligibility criteria for nomination to the Board shall not include a requirement that a nominee must be a member of an industry association representing the interests of travel agents or travel wholesalers. For greater certainty, this does not preclude nominees from being a member of these relevant associations.

Prohibition re Industry Associations Naming Board Members

- (c) The election or appointment process for Board members shall not authorize industry associations representing the interests of travel agents or travel wholesalers to name individuals to the Board.
- 3. This Order comes into effect on the day it is made.

The Honourable Kaleed Rasheed

Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery

Made this 11 day of August , 2023.