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**Mr. T. Nghitila**  
**Executive Director**  
**Ministry of Environment and Tourism**  
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Dear Mr. Nghitila,

### **RE: DISCONTINUATION OF CERTIFICATION OF TOURISM ESTABLISHMENTS BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER THE TOURISM INITIATIVE**

The Ministry of Health and Social Services has been certifying accommodation establishments under the Tourism Revival Initiative (TRI). This is to ensure Tourists are booked at establishments which met quality control standards for registration by the Namibia Tourism Board (NTB) after having issued a Fitness Certificate from the Ministry. This certifies that the establishment is fit for such purpose and could be used for quarantining and isolation purpose of COVID-19 confirmed cases when needed. This process has been seamless and most establishments were certified.

As the country adapts to the new normal, the Ministry considers that all establishments registered by the NTB require Fitness Certificates from the Ministry or relevant Local Authorities. The Ministry reconsidered the Fitness Certificates as adequate for such purpose, hence **all NTB registered establishments with existing Fitness Certificates (expiring 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022) will no longer need additional certification from the Ministry of Health and Social Services.**

This information should be brought to the attention of all establishments and regulatory bodies to ensure no establishment will be approved and registered under NTB without a fitness certificate. Application for fitness certificate of establishments can be done at District Hospitals.

Your support during this pandemic is highly appreciated.

Sincerely Yours,

**BEN NANCOMBE**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



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