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Joint Statement from DEH & DOT on Behalf of the Hotel Licensing Board

Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands (Tuesday, 24 September 2019) On behalf of the Hotel Licensing Board (HLB), specifically the Departments of Environmental Health and Tourism who manage the health, safety and sanitation inspection process collaboratively.

As a result of tourism partner consultation, an official grace period is now in effect to support the compliance of pool safety requirements for licensed tourism accommodation properties. This grace period will be available until Thursday, 30 April 2020.

This temporary deferment has been approved to allow all licensed accommodations properties that have a pool on-site to install a mandatory emergency shut off valve to all pools. Tourism properties that have been found to require additional pool safety upgrades as per the Public Health Law (2002 revision) Part III, will receive communication directly from the HLB on the newly established inspections requirements.

The Hotel Licensing Board encourages all tourism properties to submit official applications for the inspection season, which began in May 2019.

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