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Hotels Licensing Board

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Dear Tourism Partner,

On behalf of the Hotel Licensing Board (HLB), I am writing to advise you of an important update regarding pool safety requirements which will be announced in local media this week. I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your patience as we worked towards this solution.

As a result of tourism partner consultation, I am pleased to advise you that an official grace period is now in effect to support the updated compliance requirements for pool safety for relevant properties. This grace period will be available until Thursday, 30 April 2020.

Tourism properties that have been found to require additional pool safety upgrades as per the Public Health Law (2002 revision) Part III, will receive notification directly from the HLB on the newly established inspection requirements. All tourism accommodations that have a pool on their property must install an emergency shut off valve for their pool. This must be done immediately for you to be compliant with your licensing status this season. As mentioned previously you will have a temporary deferment to complete remediation for infractions regarding pool entrapments. This deferment expires on Thursday, 30 April 2020. In the interim with immediate effect and in the best interest of public safety, all properties with pools on site must install an emergency shut off valve.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you who brought this important matter to our attention and I thank you for your patience as we sought to find a solution that would be amenable to our industry partners and the inspectorate. For the safety of our visitors—your guests—we appreciate all efforts to comply with the new requirements and if you have any additional questions, please email hlbsecretariat@caymanislands.ky.

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