

Law No. (3) of 1999
Amending
Law No. (1) of 1997 Establishing the
Department of Tourism and Commerce Marketing¹

We, Maktoum bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Ruler of Dubai,

After perusal of:

Law No. (1) of 1997 Establishing the Department of Tourism and Commerce Marketing,

Do hereby issue this Law.

Article (1)

Article (5) of the above-mentioned Law No. (1) of 1997 is hereby superseded by the following:

Article (5)

For the purpose of performing its functions stated in the preceding Article, the DTCM will have the duties and responsibilities to:

1. supervise tourist and archaeological sites;
2. develop and implement the plans and programmes which aim to attract tourists from around the world into the Emirate;
3. develop and implement comprehensive tourism publicity programmes, and manage and supervise all operations related to the provision of official tourist information;

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¹Every effort has been made to produce an accurate and complete English version of this legislation. However, for the purpose of its interpretation and application, reference must be made to the original Arabic text. In case of conflict the Arabic text will prevail.

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4. consider and determine projects related to tourism, in light of the plans for developing the tourism industry in the Emirate;
5. hold, or participate in, symposia, conferences, exhibitions, and other tourist activities within and outside of the Emirate;
6. approve and sponsor the holding of the above-mentioned tourist activities in the Emirate;
7. endeavour to provide all means of comfort and leisure to tourists, and facilitate, in cooperation with the competent entities, processing their documents;
8. regulate the tour guide profession, and other professions related to the tourism sector, and supervise the qualification of those engaged in these professions;
9. license, classify, and supervise hotels and hotel apartments;
10. supervise guest houses and restaurants;
11. license, classify, and supervise tourism, travel, and tourist transport agencies;
12. develop and implement plans which aim to develop trade relations between the Emirate and countries of the world; and
13. perform any other duties related to the functions of the DTCM stipulated in the preceding Article.

Article (2)

This Law comes into force on the day on which it is issued, and will be published in the Official Gazette.

Maktoum bin Rashid Al Maktoum

Ruler of Dubai

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