

# **TOURISM**

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## **Accommodation Establishments and Tourism Ordinance 20 of 1973.**

**Summary:** This Ordinance consolidates the laws on accommodation establishments and tourism and provides for the establishment of recreation areas.

**Amendments:** The Ordinance was amended by Ord. 25/1973, Ord. 17/1974, Ord. 12/1975, Ord. 5/1977, Ord. 14/1977, Ord. 4/1978, Ord. 11/1978 and Ord. 14/1979. It was extended to the Rehoboth Gebiet by AG 56/1978, and applied to the Eastern Caprivi Zipfel by GN 4/2000 (GG 2259). The Namibia Tourism Board Act 21 of 2000 repeals sections 2-47A and section 56(1)(b)-(l). (The Namibia Tourism Board Act also repeals Ord. 12/1975, Ord. 14/1977, Ord. 4/1978, Ord. 11/1978 and Ord. 14/1979.)

**Regulations:** Regulations are contained in GN 75/1974 (18 April 1994), as amended by the following:

GN 119/1974 (1 July 1974)

GN 130/1975 (2 June 1975)

GN 315/1977 (15 September 1977)

GN 24/2000 (GG 2264) (Regulations 1 and 3, Schedules II, III, IV, XIA, XIIB, XIIC, XVIII A, XVIII B and XVIII C)

GN 89/2000 (GG 2304) (Regulation 1 and Schedules II and IV).

## **Namibia Tourism Board Act 21 of 2000.**

**Summary:** This Act establishes the Namibia Tourism Board and provides for its functions. It also provides for the registration and grading of accommodation establishments, and the regulations of sectors of the tourism industry. The Act came into force on 15 May 2001 (GN 87/2001, GG 2531).

**Amendments:** The State-owned Enterprises Governance Act 2 of 2006, which was brought into operation by Proc. 13/2006 (GG 3733), amends sections 4, 7, 8 and 11, and substitutes section 13.

**Appointments:** Members of the Namibia Tourism Board are announced in GN 88/2001 (GG 2531).

**Regulations:** GN 135/2004 (GG 3235) contains a declaration of business sectors relating to the tourism industry to be regulated. It came into effect on 1 February 2005. Regulations relating to the registration of regulated businesses are contained in GN 138/2004 (GG 3235).

Regulations relating to the registration of accommodation establishments are contained in GN 139/2004 (GG 3235). Regulations relating to levies payable by accommodation establishments are contained in GN 137/2004 (GG 3235).

## **INTERNATIONAL LAW**

*Charter of the Regional Tourism Organisation of Southern Africa (RETOSA), 1997*

*This Charter enters into force upon signature by member states, without ratification.*  
(entered into force within SADC on 8 September 1997) (source: SADC)  
signature: 8 September 1997 (source: SADC; Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

***SADC Protocol on the Development of Tourism, 1998***  
(entered into force within SADC on 26 November 2002) (source: SADC)  
signature: 14 September 1998 (source: SADC)  
ratification: 13 June 2000 (source: SADC; Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

***Agreement amending the Protocol on the Development of Tourism, 2009***  
(entered into force within SADC on 8 September 2009)  
signature: 8 September 2009  
no ratification appears to be needed