

**Press Release
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**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(Haj Division)**

Registration of Private Tour Operators for Haj 2016

Medical Insurance: Regarding including medical insurance in the model Agreement to be signed between PTOs & each pilgrim, a clarification was issued vide Para 2 of Press Release dated 6 May 2016. As per Annexure-A(ii) of the PTO Policy as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, PTOs must sign an agreement with each pilgrim indicating the services to be provided to the pilgrims. The services should include inter alia medical insurance. It is hereby clarified that PTOs should incorporate "medical insurance" and **NOT** "Group Accident Insurance Scheme" in the model agreement to be signed with each pilgrim as per Annexure A(ii) of the PTO Policy.

Several PTOs have already complied with the requirement. PTOs who are yet to comply with the requirement as per Annexure A (ii) of the PTO Policy may furnish the model Agreement incorporating medical insurance in it.

Last date for receipt of replies on observation/clarifications:

Based on the scrutiny of the application of the PTO for registration for Haj 2016, observations/clarifications were sent during the process of scrutiny. The PTOs who are yet to send replies to the observations/clarifications should do so by 22 June, 2016. Since the registration and allocation of quota to PTOs is a time bound process, replies received after this date would not be entertained.

PTOs registered for Haj 2016 are reminded again to strictly comply with all the terms and conditions laid down in the PTO Policy by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.