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Dear Stakeholder Managers

IMPLEMENTATION OF e-VISAS

This serves to confirm that the Department has commenced with the implementation of its electronic visa system (e-Visa). The system will be released in a phased approach with the Republic of Kenya and Cameroon identified as the countries for initial execution.

The Department will only issue short term e-visas for visits not exceeding 90 days for now as other categories of e-visas will be made available later in the implementation process.

e-Visa is a virtual visa and can therefore not be visually inspected by airline personnel and their duly appointed agents. Hence the Department's Advance Passenger Processing (APP) System will authenticate e-Visas by returning boarding directive 8519 (Board with OWT¹) to the airline. Successful applicants will also be issued with a confirmation notice that could be authenticated by scanning the QR code. However, confirmation notices should not be accepted at face value.

It would be appreciated if you could please inform all airlines operating to and from South Africa of the above.

Kind regards

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¹ Outward Ticket