

03rd May 2021

To All Members,

Subject: Update on IATO Activities (Monday 26th April to Sunday, 2nd May 2021)

Dear Colleagues,

Please find the update on IATO Activities (Monday 26th April to Sunday, 2nd May 2021)

Segment wise sequencing has been adhered to in the report.

With regards

Rajnish Kaistha

Hony. Secretary

Update on IATO Activities(Monday, 26th April to Sunday, 2nd May 2021)

Dear Members,

Greetings from IATO !

Please find appended relevant activities of our association for the period (Monday, 26th April to Sunday, 2nd May 2021)

Segments covered are

- 1. Communication / Letters that addressed key issues**
- 2. Webinars/ Panel Discussions/Circulars/Meetings/Chapter news**
- 3. Media Coverage**

Request your feedback to further the content of our weekly report.

1. Communication / Letters that addressed key issues

Segment 1 update sequence by date:30 April

- **IATO requested Mrs. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Minister for Finance to release SEIS scrips of last financial year 2019-20 for the Tourism Industry as the demand is legitimate as per provision in the foreign trade policy 2015-20.**

IATO had made several representations to Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Commerce and PMO and expressed the difficulties the tourism industry was facing since March 2020 due to Covid 19. It hoped that inbound tourism would start soon as situation was improving day by day during till March 2021, but due to second wave of this deadly coronavirus, Covid -19, inbound tourism business was not to start soon

Tour operators, anticipating the SEIS benefits, had already spent the funds for marketing and promotion of tourism to India during 2019-20 and were now facing acute shortage of funds. MSME ECLGS 3.0 was also not helping tour operators

*A copy of the letter was marked to **A.** Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, **B.** Minister of State for Finance & Corporate Affairs, **C.** Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, **D.** Minister of State for Tourism & Culture, **E.** Secretary (Revenue), **F.** Secretary Commerce, **G.** Secretary (Tourism), **H.** Director General Foreign Trade, **I.** Joint Secretary Commerce **J.** Additional Director General (Tourism), **K.** Chairman, Service Export Promotion Council, and **L.** Director General, Service Export Promotion Council,*

2. Webinars/ Panel Discussions/Circulars/Meetings

Segment 2 update sequence by date:28,30 April 1 May

Wednesday, 28th April

- All Members were informed about the **IATO Covid -19 Assistance Task Force** to help our members who need help in getting authentic information or any help in getting bed in hospital, medicines, oxygen etc
- **Further on 30th April, on the above subject, members were given the list of task force committee of EC Members with their cell numbers and the point person notified for Kerala, Odisha and Mumbai.**

In case of any help required by any of our members, he/she may send a WhatsApp message to any one member of the Task Force and call after 30 minutes if no acknowledgement is received from him. Following information may be given on WhatsApp: *Name, Contact Number, Location, His/her requirement*

Members were requested to please note that the objective was to facilitate the members with whatever help IATO could do, however, it is not a promise or a guarantee of the help which members may need.

- **More on IATO Covid-19 Task Force - IATO conveyed to the members on 30th April that it will be creating a Plasma Data Bank for the members and members of their family** who have recovered from Covid-19 and willing to donate plasma to help other IATO members/families. Eligibility criteria for COVID-19 convalescent plasma donation has been detailed along with guidelines for those eligible who want to donate plasma

Saturday, 1st May

Dekho Apna Desh Webinar- Episode 87 on Stories from London of Orient- Calcutta was organised on Saturday, 1st May 2021 (1100-1200 hrs.)

3. Media Coverage

Segment 3 by date:26,28,29 April

Monday, 26th April

- **Rajiv Mehra to take over as Hony Secretary of FAITH**

<https://travel.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/associations/rajiv-mehra-to-take-over-as-hony-secretary-of-faith/82254320>

IATO received very good coverage on its appeal to remove anomalies in operational guidelines of ECLGS 3.0 and ease conditions for availing emergency credit

Wednesday, 28th April

- **NCGTC operational guidelines for ECLGS 3.0 a complete farce: IATO**
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<https://travel.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/ministry/ncgtc-operational-guidelines-for-eclgs-3-0-a-complete-farce-iato/82288226>

- **IATO seeks PM's intervention to remove anomalies in operational guidelines of ECLGS**

<https://www.thehindu.com/business/Industry/iato-seeks-pms-intervention-to-remove-anomalies-in-operational-guidelines-of-eclgs/article34430836.ece>

<https://in.finance.yahoo.com/news/iato-seeks-pms-intervention-remove-104733412.html>

<https://www.devdiscourse.com/article/law-order/1552233-iato-seeks-pms-intervention-to-remove-anomalies-in-operational-guidelines-of-eclgs>

<http://www.businessworld.in/article/IATO-Seeks-PM-s-Intervention-To-Remove-Anomalies-In-Operational-Guidelines-Of-ECLGS/28-04-2021-388011/>

<https://trendingindiannews.com/business-news/iato-seeks-pms-intervention-to-remove-anomalies-in-operational-guidelines-of-eclgs/>

<https://www.outlookindia.com/newscroll/iato-seeks-pms-intervention-to-remove-anomalies-in-operational-guidelines-of-eclgs/2072786>

- **Tourism body appeals to PM to ease conditions for availing emergency credit**

<https://www.livemint.com/news/india/tourism-body-appeals-to-pm-to-ease-conditions-for-availing-emergency-credit-11619605192060.html>

<https://www.bignewz.in/2021/04/28/tourism-body-appeals-to-pm-to-ease-conditions-for-availing-emergency-credit/>

Thursday, 29th April

- **Countries enact travel bans to contain India's COVID variant—and protect against 'a global resurgence all over again'**

<https://fortune.com/2021/04/28/india-travel-ban-flight-ban-covid-variant-cases-global-resurgence/>

- **Amid second wave, pandemic-hit sectors seek a bailout package from government**
- <https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/policy/amid-second-wave-pandemic-hit-sectors-seek-a-bailout-package-from-government/article34433099.ece>
- IATO ECLGS के परिचालन दिशानिर्देशों में विसंगतियों को दूर करने के लिए पीएम के हस्तक्षेप की मांग करता है - (enewsing.in)
- IATO ECLGS के परिचालन दिशानिर्देशों में विसंगतियों को दूर करने के लिए पीएम के हस्तक्षेप की मांग करता है - (24zeenews.com)
- IATO ECLGS के परिचालन दिशानिर्देशों में विसंगतियों को दूर करने के लिए पीएम के हस्तक्षेप की मांग करता है - Times of Indian
- **IATO seeks PM's intervention to take away anomalies in operational tips of ECLGS**
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<http://mysmartnewz.com/iato-seeks-pms-intervention-to-take-away-anomalies-in-operational-tips-of-eclgs/>

<https://dailynews24hour.com/iato-seeks-pms-intervention-to-take-away-anomalies-in-operational-pointers-of-eclgs/>

- **IATO writes to PM seeking suitable amendments in the operational guidelines of ECLGS**

https://www.hotelierindia.com/business/14627-iato-writes-to-pm-seeking-suitable-amendments-in-the-operational-guidelines-of-eclgs?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=hotelierindia-newsletters&utm_email=gurdeepsingh@sambandhpr.com
