

## China Released Implementing Rules of the Travel Agency Provisions

<u>Chinese version</u> China's National Tourism Administration (CNTA) released on April 7, 2009 the Implementing Rules of the Travel Agency Provisions (Rules), which will take effect on May 3, 2009.

Under the Rules, branches and service counters of travel agencies shall not possess the qualifications of legal person. Liabilities and aftereffects of the operation activities which the branches and service counters conduct in name of the travel agencies must be undertook by the agencies.

The Rules also stipulated the activities subject to transfer, lease or lending of travel agency operation licenses, including the travel agencies allow other enterprises, groups or individuals operate businesses of travel agencies via contracting.

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