

C.O.M. Resolutions No. 206 for Tourism visas

The (206) Resolution has introduced visas for tourism purposes. It was issued before the establishment of the S.C.T. It introduced for the first, tourism visas in the Kingdom and allows such visas to be given to selected categories of tourists from countries to be selected by the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It gives the responsibility of filling the lists to be submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to issue visas, to Saudia Airlines, Companies and establishments specialized in the tourism business, including tour operators and guides. It addresses the issue of Tour guides as it obligates every operator to have them in place.

The resolution was never activated up to date. The committee formed to study this subject and the working group attached to it are recommending the mechanisms to activate it. In addition to clarifying the role of the S.C.T. and the qualifications and standards of the Tour operators and tour guides.

The Saudi Airlines has been exercising powers over the Saudi In-bound tourism, Group Orientation Implementation Contract, which forms the basis of its relationship with the tour operators and ground handling agents in the Kingdom. This has given the Saudi Airlines exclusive, overall competence over the Saudi domestic travel market.