



## **Draft TIA Act Regulations Released for Further Comment – One Day Tours Exempted**

Further to previous OMCA communications regarding potential changes to the requirements under the Travel Industry Act (TIA), the Ministry has just released a draft regulation and is now consulting on it. According to the Ministry the purpose of these amendments is to reduce the regulatory burden and harmonize pricing provisions for all types of travel services.

A draft of the proposed regulatory amendments has been posted on the Regulatory Registry for public comment until April 18, 2016. The proposal can be found at <http://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/view.do?postingId=21282&language=en>

Of particular note is the fact that the draft regulation does exempt one day tours from the provisions of the Act and defines a one day tour as:

***“one-day tour” means a tour, (a) that commences at a departure point and concludes at the same point within a 24-hour period, and (b) that includes travel services, except for accommodation.***

OMCA will be responding to this posting indicating that definition is too broad and reiterating the position in our earlier submission that:

The definition of a “1 day tour” that is exempt from TIA be refined to include:

- a) A maximum dollar value of \$300;
- b) A maximum of 7 hours duration ;
- c) A maximum distance of 100 km from pick up location,
- d) A prohibition on international trips (interprovincial is acceptable)

Please contact Doug Switzer if you have any additional comments, and all OMCA members interested in this issue are encouraged to submit their own thoughts to the government through the EBR listing.