



February 5, 2020

Emile Solanki
Discover Bible Lands Inc.

Dear Mr. Solanki,

RE: Compliance File # 33005 | Selling Travel Services

The Travel Industry Council of Ontario (TICO) is responsible for administering the provincial legislation governing the travel industry in Ontario, the Travel Industry Act, 2002 (*Act*). TICO's mandate is to ensure that anyone involved with selling travel in Ontario is doing so in accordance with the *Act*.

For your reference, a "travel agent" means a person who sells, to consumers, travel services provided by another person and "travel services" is transportation or sleeping accommodation for the use of a traveller, tourist or sightseer or other services combined with that transportation or sleeping accommodation.

Section 4 (1) (a) of the *Act* states that no person shall act or hold himself out as being available to act as a travel agent unless the person is registered as a travel agent under this *Act*.

Please note that you have made the required changes to your practices and representations that comply with the Special Interest Travel Guidelines: tico.ca/travel-professionals/resources-guidelines/special-interest-travel.

Therefore, at this time, Discover Bible Lands does not require registration with TICO for the following reasons:

- All sales inquiries and bookings are being handled by International Heritage Tours, 7117 Bathurst Street Suite 200, Thornhill, ON [TICO Reg # 4274452](#)
- All representations are advising consumers that the travel services are being handled by International Heritage Tours and that Discover Bible Lands is only acting in the capacity of a spiritual leader / guide / educator

Should anything change in the future, the matter will be handled in accordance with the *Act*.

Yours truly,

TRAVEL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF ONTARIO

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