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Khalifa bin Hamad Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar;
Having perused the Amended Provisional Constitution, in particular Articles 23, 34, and 51 thereof;
Law No. 8 of 1987 on the Structure of the Presidency of the Islamic Courts and Religious Affairs, as amended by
Law No. 5 of 1992,
The Emiri Order No. 1 of 1992 restructuring of the Council of Ministers,
The Cabinet Resolution at its regular meeting No. 36 of 1991 held on 13.11.1991, on the establishment of a
Committee for Hajj Affairs;
The proposal of the Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs;
The draft law submitted by the Council of Ministers;
Having taken the opinion of the *Shura* Council;
Hereby promulgate the following law:

Articles

Article 1

A committee at the Ministry of Endowments Awqaf and Islamic Affairs shall be formed and shall be called Hajj Affairs Committee. The Minister and Ministry wherever mentioned in this law shall mean Minister of Endowments and Islamic Affairs and Ministry of Endowments and Islamic Affairs respectively.

Article 2 (Amended By Decree 36/2002)

The formation of the committee shall consist of the following:

1. Three representatives from the ministry, including the chairman and the deputy chairman.
2. Representatives from the Foreign Ministry, the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Public Health and the Ministry of Education.
3. Representatives from the Qatari Broadcasting and TV Public Corporation and the Qatari Red Crescent Society.

The Cabinet shall include in the membership Committee representatives from other governmental bodies or other members.

Membership shall be for the duration of three years renewable for a similar term or similar terms. Each body shall select its representative and a Minister shall make a naming the members of the committee. The Minister may delegate a reporter for the Committee and specify his powers and remunerations.

Article 3

The Committee shall be responsible for the following which is designed for the care and comfort of the pilgrims:

1. Determining necessary requirements ensuring proper performance of Hajj rituals by the pilgrims and the provision of comfort and safety.
2. Regulating rules and procedures, set conditions related to travel permits including safety of individuals, organize Hajj campaigns.
3. Suggest rules and regulations and issuing of licenses for Hajj contractors
4. Monitor violations made by Hajj contractors as set out in Article 9 of this agreement.

The Committee shall be responsible to set regulations related to its work and shall seek other opinions as deemed necessary.

Article 4

The Committee shall submit an annual report on its work to the Minister, who shall in turn submit the same to Emir along with the suggestions of the Minister two months after the end of Hajj season.

Article 5

Hajj contractors must obtain a license from The Ministry as recommended by the Committee before they can practice. Such license shall be granted to individuals, shall be valid for three renewable years and shall not be transferrable.

Article 6 (Amended By Law 14/1997)

The following conditions must be met before granting an operating license to Hajj contractors.

1. The contractor must be a Qatari National or a resident in Qatar.
2. The contractor must be competent and shall not be younger than thirty years nor older than sixty years upon submitting the application. The contractor shall submit a medical certificate proving good health. Such medical certificate must be issued by the competent body.
3. The Hajj contractor must be of good conduct, reputation and without a record of conviction for dishonor or breach of trust, unless three years has passed from the date of judgment and/ or execution of punishment.
4. The contractor must be familiar with Hajj rituals.
5. The contractor must have sufficient financial capability to conduct Hajj campaigns and have means to provide comfort necessary to the pilgrims.

Other conditions may be added by a resolution of the Minister as per recommendations of the Committee.

Article 7 (Amended By Law 3/2005)

Licensed contractors must obtain a license from the Ministry to run each campaign and submit to the Committee a list of pilgrims and services to be rendered to the pilgrims.

The contractor must deposit into the treasury of the Ministry a financial security of 15% of the amount to be collected from the registered pilgrims. This amount shall be utilized as guarantee to conduct Hajj campaigns. . This amount shall be held in the treasury of the Ministry until two months prior to the return of the pilgrims and subject to the approval of the Minister as per recommendations of the Committee.

Article 8

The contractor licensed to conduct Hajj campaigns, must meet all the conditions set by the Ministry as recommended by the Hajj Affairs Committee.

Article 9

- a- Hajj Affairs Committee shall consider violations of the license conditions and give recommendations before they are decided by the Ministry. The Committee shall have the right to summon statements from. Should the contractor fail to submit statements to the Committee, the hearing proceedings shall continue without the statements of the contractor.

The Committee shall consider reports presented to it by the Head of Hajj Official Mission or the Embassy of the State of Qatar in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

1. Should the violation be proved, the Committee may impose all or some of the following penalties:
2. Serve a warning notice to the licensed contractor.
3. Confiscate all or some of the money deposited into the treasury of the Ministry as security by the licensed contractor.
4. Prohibit the licensed contractor from conducting Hajj campaign for one year.
5. Struck off the name of the contractor permanently or temporarily from the register of Hajj campaign contractors.

The resolution of the Committee shall be deemed final regarding the first and second penalties. However third and/or fourth penalties may be protested within two months from the date of notice of the penalty decision to the Minister whose decision shall be final. Such penalties shall not prejudice the criminal or civil responsibility resulting from the above mentioned violation.

Article 10

Without prejudice to any more severe punishment set out by another law, violations of the Provisions of Articles 5, 7 and 8 hereof, shall be punishable by imprisonment not exceeding three months and a fine not exceeding ten thousand Riyals or by either of the penalties

Article 11

Confiscated amounts of the securities shall be deposited as per Article 9 of this agreement in a special account in a bank in the name of Hajj Affairs Committee and the same shall be spent in improving the service provided to the pilgrims as decided by the Committee.

Article 12

The Minister shall issue the necessary decisions to implement the provisions of this law.

Article 13

All competent authorities, each within its competence, shall implement this legislation, which shall take effect on the date of its publication on the *Official Gazette*.