

## Agencies advised to warn customers of new rules

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rently heads up the Tourism Business Council of South Africa's Immigration Regulations Sub-Committee.

The association has argued for an unlimited delay to the new requirements pending a full review of the Immigration Act, announced by President Jacob Zuma in his state of the nation address in February.

According to ASATA, research firm Grant Thornton has been commissioned to conduct a second study into the implications of Home Affairs' new rules, including global best practice.

The TBCSA was due to present the findings of Grant Thornton's research to the

Tourism Minister last month.

If the request for more time is granted, ASATA has said it hopes it will be extended to include the in-person visa requirement already in effect for foreign visitors.

"There should be no time limit on the period of the moratorium. Rather, there needs to be a focus on the drivers for the moratorium, which include the need for a full review of the Immigration Act, as announced by the President to be concluded, that true industry input is welcomed and supported and that there is an opportunity to present, and that consideration is given to global best practice," the association maintained.