

New Regulations for Foreign Expeditions 2019

In order to promote the healthy and orderly development of mountaineering and reduce the frequency of mountaineering accidents, Chinese Mountaineering Association and Mountaineering Association of Tibet Autonomous Region, China have jointly decided to take the following measures on expedition formation, audit, reception, management, safety and environmental protection from 2019:

I . Formation of Expedition

(1) Strict standards will be established for all the expedition organizers or operators, especially on market access. We will cooperate actively with the Expedition companies with good social reputation, strong ability of team formation, logistic support, reliable service quality, excellent professional quality, and law-abiding.

(2) For “Letter of Endorsement” applying, the expedition company must provide the qualification of company and its legal person certificate, peak name, altitude, location, itinerary, climbing route, the copies of the climbers’ real information, climbing background, mountaineering qualifications, summit certificates and insurances, including the guide certificates of Nepalese mountain guides and the relevant qualifications of the logistic service staff and the copies of their insurances.

(3) Expeditions climbing above 8000 meters in Tibet Autonomous Region, 1 summit climber must be accompanied 1 Nepalese mountain guide, and each expedition must be equipped with 1 team leader.

(4) To abide by the relevant laws and regulations of “Measures for Administration of Mountaineering by Foreigners in China”, “Regulation Ordinance of Mountaineering by Foreigners in Tibet Autonomous Region”. Exploration companies have the responsibilities and obligations to urge expeditions to carry out mountaineering safety, environmental protection, abidance by laws and regulations, and other relevant works during the mountaineering in Tibet. If they do not perform their duties and obligations, Chinese Mountaineering Association and Mountaineering Association of Tibet Autonomous region shall have the authority to impose economic penalties or terminate the right to apply for “Letter of Endorsement” according to the seriousness of the incident.

(5) Exploration Company should pay 50% of mountaineering team payment before the deadline of registration. The balance must be fully settled before entry. If the climber is unable to climb for personal reasons, 10% service charge will be deducted from the group team payment.

(6) In order to ensure the healthy and orderly development of mountaineering and minimize

the occurrence of mountaineering accidents, mountaineering teams which were organized in Nepal temporarily will not be accepted. To further strengthen the cooperation and the management of mountaineering team, and ensure the exploration companies strictly abide by relevant regulations, \$5000 will be collected as mountaineering security deposits from each exploration companies at the beginning of mountaineering, and all deposit will be refunded with no safety accidents and environmental problems at the end of mountaineering.

II. Registration Deadline:

The deadline for the expedition's registration will be 28th February in spring, and 31st July in autumn. Any other applications after the deadline will not be accepted.

III. Environmental Protection:

(1) Standard of rubbish-collection fee will be \$1500/person for Mt. Everest summit climber, \$1000/person for Mt. Cho-oyu, Mt. Shishapangma, Mt. Lhakpari, North-col and Mt. Everest ABC member. Nepalese mountain guides and logistic service staff are not included.

(2) All the climbers, mountain guides and logistic service staff above Base Camp, must bring 8 km mountaineering rubbish to base camp in each climbing season and hand it over to the Chinese Liaison Officers who will be responsible for handling the rubbish. Base camp service staff must ensure the camp environmental protection, strictly according to the requirements of sorting rubbish, domestic water treatment work.

(3) A Mountain Environmental Sanitation Brigade shall be set up in the mountain areas to be responsible for the removal of mountain rubbish, and the Mountaineering Association of Tibet Autonomous Region, China shall appoint a full-time liaison officer to supervise and manage mountain rubbish removal and to make rubbish cleaning standing books.

IV. Mountain Rescue

(1) In order to minimize the occurrence of mountaineering accidents and improve rescue efficiency, Mountaineering Rescue Team of Tibet Autonomous Region and Yarlha Shampo Expedition in Tibet will jointly undertake the rescue missions in Mt. Everest, Mt. Cho-Oyu and Mt. Shishapangma during mountaineering season (Spring and Autumn).

(2) During summit period, Tibet Mountaineering Rescue Team will send 4 to 6 members to Advance Base camps in order to carry out the rescue work in time.

(3) The expenses caused by the rescues shall be borne by the climbers themselves, and the exploration companies shall be responsible for collecting the money from the climbers or insurance companies and pay Mountaineering Association of Tibet Autonomous Region,

China.

The above New Regulations for Foreign Expeditions, which will be implemented from 1st January 2019. Chinese Mountaineering Association and Mountaineering Association of Tibet Autonomous Region, China have authority to explain the above regulations.