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Permit to film in Surtsey

The Environment Agency of Iceland has received a request from Talesmith TV, dated 3rd of August, to film a in Surtsey from 20th to the 21st of August 2017.

Surtsey was declared a nature reserve in 1965. Since then human visits have been restricted to prevent biological contamination and to protect Surtsey’s delicate environment. Written permission must be obtained from the Environment Agency of Iceland to visit the island Surtsey.

The purpose for filming in Surtsey is to produce a high profile television event with international broadcast, educational outreach and multi-media online content. Surtsey is considered to be ideal since it provides a unique opportunity to study the development of land and life.

The Environment Agency of Iceland hereby grants Talesmith a permit to visit Surtsey on the 21st of August 2017. The permit is subject to the following conditions:

- All clothing, shoes, filming equipment and luggage must be cleaned before departure to Surtsey to ensure that no organisms, plant material, soil and other biological material is transported to the island so the ecosystem may develop without human interference.
- The permit is valid only for the following individuals named in the application:
  - Luke Wiles
  - Brendan McGinty
  - Benjamin Sadd
- The permit is valid for 21st of August 2017.
- Special care must be taken not to disturb the sensitive nature of Surtsey. It is not allowed to spoil geological formation, vegetation and disturb wildlife.
- Anything that may threaten the unique value of World Heritage site is prohibited.
- It is not allowed to leave anything behind and all garbage and other waist must be removed from the island at departure.
Use of drone is allowed with restrictions in part of the island where it does not disturb animal life. Areas closed to the drone will be determined on site based on nesting areas of the birds and their distribution during the time filming will take place. Flight height can also be restricted for same reasons.

In the television show it must be stated that the island is protected for nature conservation and that ecological development, both biology and geology, is to take place without human interference. Also that no one is allowed to visit the island or dive inside the nature reserve without written permission from the Environment Agency of Iceland.

The site manager for Surtsey will accompany you in this trip and will be your guide around the island and monitor the filming.

Fee

The Environment Agency charges a fee for processing and passing permits for filming in Surtsey. The fee is 52,600 ISK.

Surveillance

The Environment Agency will supervise the filming in Surtsey, the charge is 13,200 ISK per hour.

Sincerely,

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director

Svava Pétursdóttir
lawyer