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Closure of Airport Hato in Curaçao for inbound passengers from All Countries.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

We hereby would like to inform you that the Government of Curaçao has decided, as per National Decree no. 20/735 that, **effective 23 June 2020 and until further notice**, to broaden the exemptions as indicated in point (6) below. The Hato Airport in Curaçao will remain closed for **All inbound passengers from All Countries except for the stated exemptions**. These measures have been taken to contain the spread of the COVID 19 virus in Curaçao. This directive supersedes the previously issued directive CURCW/20/138-6 dated 12 June 2020.

Air Travel to/from Curaçao will only be allowed in the following cases:

- 1) All aircraft operators can land at the Hato Airport in Curaçao;
- 2) The only passengers who are **exempted** and are allowed to travel inbound are:
 - a. Passengers from Bonaire, St. Eustatius, Saba as of 12 June 2020 and passengers from Aruba and St. Maarten as of 15 June 2020, These passengers are exempted under the following conditions:
 - A Public Health Passenger Locator Card (PLC) needs to be completed and submitted before the flight or upon arrival. The PLC form is available for download on the CCAA website: <http://www.ccaa.cw/updates/closure-of-hato-airport-for-all-inbound-passengers-from-all-countries/> and available at the airlines;
 - Passengers should have a valid medical insurance to cover any eventual incurred costs.

These passengers are also exempted from the mandatory quarantine at a separate location if:

- Passengers have not been in a COVID-19 high risk country with widespread infections in the previous 14 days;
 - Passengers do not show any COVID-19 symptoms;
 - Passengers have not been in contact with anyone COVID-19 positive in the previous 14 days.
- b. **Residents of Curaçao approved by the Government of Curaçao.** These passengers will have to show a verification letter from the government of Curaçao that they are allowed to travel to Curaçao;
 - c. **Medical Specialists and other medical personnel authorized by the Government of Curaçao.** These passengers will have to show a verification letter from the government of Curaçao that they are allowed to travel to Curaçao;
 - d. **Other persons specifically approved by the Government of Curaçao.** Examples are: Ship Crewmen; Persons from Curaçao who are studying abroad and who are in dire circumstances; Persons who wish to settle permanently in Curaçao and who have deregistered from the civil registry of their place of residence; Persons attending a funeral; Persons in need to visit a patient

(family member) in terminal phase. These passengers will have to show a verification letter from the government of Curaçao that they are allowed to travel to Curaçao. Specific conditions may apply.

- 3) **All Passengers may embark in Curaçao.** Passengers shall adhere to the requirements of the Airport Authority;
- 4) The aircraft will be handled according to standard operating procedures to ensure and continue safe and normal operations;
- 5) Flight crews shall be allowed to continue with their duties while complying with the sanitary rules applied by the Government of Curaçao. This includes a compulsory quarantine during stayover in Curaçao or depending on unforeseen circumstances, the duration of the quarantine may be extended to a period of maximum 14 days;
- 6) Flights with Transit/Transfer passengers are not allowed **except** flights with **Transit passengers who remain on board of the same aircraft** and **Wing to Wing Transfer of passengers** from one aircraft to another aircraft without entering the transit terminal. This requires strict and timely coordination with the Airport Authority and the boarding carrier. A minimum of twenty-four (24) hours prior notice is required;

Exemptions: Transit and Transfer Passengers travelling from Bonaire, St. Eustatius, Saba, Aruba and St. Maarten, are allowed to disembark and enter the transit/departure hall during ground stop.

- 7) The Immigration Authority and the Department of Health of the Government of Curaçao will be performing their required screening and questioning of all arriving passengers. **All inbound passengers** shall be subject to a mandatory quarantine of up to fourteen (14) days upon arrival at a location indicated by the Ministry of Health of the Government of Curaçao, including a COVID-19 test requirement, **except** those mentioned in point (2)(a) above.
- 8) There are **No** restrictions for **Cargo Operations**;
- 9) Exempted are also Medical Emergency Flights with express clearance of the Ministry of Health of the Government of Curaçao;
- 10) All passengers shall adhere to the requirements and guidelines of the Airport Authority to include wearing a facemask and social distancing.

The Government of Curaçao extends its sincerest apologies to all Operators, Airport and Air Navigation Service Provider for the inconvenience caused by these measures, but this unprecedented situation warranted a quick and decisive response to safeguard the health and well-being of our population and to prevent the further spread of the COVID-19 virus in Curaçao. This is a very fluid situation and updates to this directive will be published as often as deemed necessary.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf the Minister of Traffic, Transport and Urban Planning,




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Director General of the Curaçao Civil Aviation Authority.

STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY!