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To:
All Aircraft Operators;
All Stakeholders.

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Subject:
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 Decrees no. 20/923, dated 27 July 2020 and no. 20/1018, dated 7 August 2020 that, **until further notice**, to amend the exemptions as indicated 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/20/138-8 dated 29 June 2020.

Air Travel to 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 countries and territories listed as **Low Risk** countries and territories as indicated in **Attachment A, as last modified and effective on 6 August 2020.** These passengers are exempted under the following conditions:
      - A Public Health Passenger Locator Card (PLC) needs to be completed and signed and mailed before the flight to: **travelhistory.epi@gobiernu.cw**, preferably **no earlier than 48 hours before the flight**. 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 on the government's website: http://www.gobiernu.cw and available at the airlines. The passenger shall also submit a hardcopy of the PLC Form at Immigration or at another indicated government agency upon arrival in Curaçao. Passengers should have a valid medical insurance to cover any eventual incurred costs. Please consult the following portal to submit the forms electronically: https://dicardcuracao.com/portal.

      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. Passengers, with the exception of ship crewmen, from countries and territories listed as **Medium Risk** countries and territories, including the Netherlands as indicated in **Attachment A.** These passengers are exempted under the following conditions:

- A COVID-19 PCR test, **not being a gargle test**, shall be taken at a nationally accredited laboratory as close to departure date as possible, but in any case, **no earlier than 72 hours,** prior to the scheduled departure date. The result of the passengers' PCR test must be submitted as soon as possible before departure to **travelhistory.epi@gobiernu.cw**. The passenger shall also submit a hardcopy of the PCR test results at Immigration or at an indicated government agency upon arrival in Curaçao. The PCR test is per person and the test is mandatory for all ages. **To be allowed to board the flight, the PCR test, not being a gargle test, must indicate a negative result**.
- A Public Health Passenger Locator Card (PLC) needs to be completed and signed by each passenger and mailed to: **travelhistory.epi@gobiernu.cw**, **no earlier than 48 hours before the flight**. The passenger shall also submit a hardcopy of the signed form at Immigration or at an indicated government agency upon arrival in Curaçao. The PLC form is available for download on the government's website: http://www.gobiernu.cw and on the CCAA website: http://www.ccaa.cw/. See **Attachment B**.
  Please consult the following portal to submit the forms electronically: https://dicardcuracao.com/portal.

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.

An absolute **limit of ten thousand (10.000) passengers per month inbound from Medium Risk countries and territories listed in Attachment A will be allowed, ship crewmen exempted**.

c. **Residents of Curaçao approved by the Government of Curaçao inbound from countries NOT listed in Attachment A**. These passengers will have to show a verification letter from the government of Curaçao that they are allowed to travel to Curaçao;
d. **Medical Specialists and other medical personnel authorized by the Government of Curaçao inbound from countries NOT listed in Attachment A**. These passengers will have to show a verification letter from the government of Curaçao that they are allowed to travel to Curaçao;
e. **Other persons specifically approved by the Government of Curaçao inbound from countries NOT listed in Attachment A**. 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 of a family member; Persons in need to visit a family member in terminal phase; persons from a country or territory of the Caribbean part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, who require acute care or who must be evacuated for medical reasons. 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, to include but not limited to, wearing a face mask before disembarking and social distancing. This includes also a compulsory quarantine during stayover 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 from countries and territories listed as **Low or Medium Risk** countries and territories as indicated in **Attachment A,** are allowed to disembark and enter the transit/departure hall during ground stop with a facemask on.
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 points (2)(a) and (2)(b) 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) The possibility also exists that persons (flights) from other countries and territories of the Caribbean part of the Kingdom, regardless of whether it is a Non-Low or Medium COVID 19 High-Risk country or territory may be evacuated to Curaçao;
11) 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 other stakeholders for the inconvenience caused by these measures. 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,

Curaçao Civil Aviation Authority

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Acting Director General of the Curaçao Civil Aviation Authority.

STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY!