



PRIME MINISTER OF SINT MAARTEN
Minister-President van Sint Maarten

To: The Port of St. Maarten
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The PJIAE
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Coast Guard
Mr. Livingston, Head

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KPSM (esp. Border Patrol/Immigration)
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SUBJECT: TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS FOR TRANSIT VIA AND TRAVEL TO SINT MAARTEN

Dear All,

Please be informed that due to the rapid spread of COVID – 19, the Government of Sint Maarten has issued the following travel restrictions for your respective organizations and those entities resorting under and/or operating on your port facilities to be adhered to with immediate effect.

Passengers and crew members who in the last 21 days have visited the countries/Cities of China (People's Rep.), including Hong Kong & Macau, Iran, Italy, Japan, South Korea & Singapore, are not allowed to transit via nor enter Sint Maarten.

This does not apply to

- *nationals of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (Sint Maarten, Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, Saba, Sint Eustatius and the Netherlands).*
- *residents of Sint. Maarten.*

These restrictions apply to both ports of entry of Sint Maarten namely, the harbor and airport. Please note, with respect to the airport, the above-mentioned travel restrictions applies to both commercial and general aviation including commercial and non-commercial traffic.

With respect to the Port of St. Maarten and maritime operations, the travel restrictions also apply to all aspects of the Sea Trade Operations such as, but not limited to,

- 1) Cruise Operations
- 2) Cargo Operations
- 3) Yachting Operations
- 4) Non-Commercial Operations (i.e. Private Vessels)

The enforcement by the relevant authorities such as Coast Guard & Border Patrol/Immigration must be executed without further delay. The department of Civil Aviation & Shipping and Maritime is responsible for the supervision and the ensuring of compliance with the above-mentioned travel restrictions.

I, therefore, herewith instruct all parties to inform the relevant stakeholders such agents, handlers and/or industry partners, etc. locally, regionally and internationally, to be informed of same accordingly and take due notice thereof.

This communique is in line with our recent instructions to TIMATIC. All previous communiques related to this subject matter is herewith revoked and replaced with this updated communique.

I hope to have informed you sufficiently and look forward to your continued cooperation and assistance in the protection of our beloved country.

Sincerely,



Silveria E. Jacobs
Prime Minister of Sint Maarten

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