

MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND WATER MANAGEMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

Decree by the Minister of Infrastructure and Water Management, dated 16 March 2020, no. IENW/BSK-2020/52412, to amend the Decree regarding a temporary prohibition of civil air traffic in the airspace of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, and Saba in relation to the virus that causes the COVID-19 disease

The Minister of Infrastructure and Water Management,

Acting in consultation with the Minister for Medical Care and Sport

Considering Article 24 of the BES Aviation Act;

HAS DECIDED:

ARTICLE I

The Decree regarding the Temporary Prohibition of Civil Air Traffic in the Airspace of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, and Saba in relation to the virus that causes the COVID-19 disease shall be amended as follows.

To Article 2, second paragraph, the following four elements will be added, whereby the full stop at the end of section i will be replaced by a semicolon:

j. United States;

k. Canada;

l. Dominican Republic;

m. Colombia.

ARTICLE II

This Decree shall go into force on the publication date of the Government Gazette [*Staatscourant*] in which it is announced, with retroactive effect until Monday, 16 March 2020, 18:00 hours local time.

This Decree shall be published and explained in the Government Gazette [*Staatscourant*], and the contents of this Decree shall be communicated in the aviation publications.

THE MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND WATER MANAGEMENT,

Ms C. van Nieuwenhuizen Wijbenga

No. IENW/BSK-2020/52412

#### Explanatory notes

The amendment decree at hand pertains to the Decree that has been set down in Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, and Saba to prevent spreading of the virus that causes the COVID-19 disease.

The amendment concerns the Decree regarding the Temporary Prohibition of Civil Air Traffic in the Airspace of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, and Saba in relation to the virus that causes the COVID-19 disease. With a view to the particular vulnerability of the Caribbean Netherlands, the Decree regarding the Temporary Prohibition of Civil Air Traffic in the Airspace of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, and Saba in relation to the virus that causes the COVID-19 disease initially prohibited air traffic involving passengers from all the European Union countries, countries from the European Economic Area, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, China, South Korea, and Iran. Following the recommendations of the Dutch National Institute for Public Health and the Environment, the Minister for Medical Care and Sport has requested the Minister of Infrastructure and Water Management to expand the temporary prohibition to include air traffic from the United States, Canada, the Dominican Republic, and Colombia. This expansion is necessary because these countries can also be qualified as high-risk countries.

The amendment at hand will also be communicated by means of a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM).

THE MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND WATER MANAGEMENT,

Ms C. van Nieuwenhuizen Wijbenga