



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Traffic & Telecommunication hereby makes known that the Casino Policy "Rules of the Game" which governs the licensing and the number of casinos allowed has been amended Article 3, sub B *Casinos Located at Hotels* to include the following change as follows.

"In the event an existing hotel has started with an expansion of its property and room inventory, to at least the amount of 200 rooms as required in the Casino Policy in order to qualify for a Casino License, and a request for a casino license has been filed, the requested permit could be granted by the Government of St. Maarten. The following must be the case: The necessary financing must be in place to complete the expansion; construction must have started; and at the least 65% of the minimum required 200 rooms must be completed; and the property open or re-opened. The applicant will be given a maximum of two (2) years to complete the construction of the additional 35% of the rooms to arrive at a room count of 200. Failure to comply with these conditions can result in the casino license being revoked.

With the proposed change, a hotel will now be able to qualify for a casino license under the following conditions:

1. The hotel must have a Building Permit to increase its inventory to at least 200 rooms.
2. Financing must be in place to complete the upgrade/expansion of the property.
3. At least 65% of the minimum required amount of 200 rooms should be completed.
4. The property must be open or re-opened in order to be considered for the granting of the license.
5. The remainder 35% of the rooms must be completed within two (2) years from the issuance of the license to reach the room count of 200 as per the policy.

Availability

A complete copy of the revised policy "Rules of the Game" is available on the government website at www.sintmaartengov.org copies can be obtained from the department of Records and Information Management (formerly known as General Affairs) at the government administration building.


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