AMENDMENT TO THE MORATORIUM POLICY ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION LICENSES

1. PURPOSE
This policy serves as an amendment to the Moratorium Policy on Public Transportation Licenses of February 18, 2014 and establishes the conditions under which T permits are issued.

2. APPLICATION
This policy applies to all new applications for an operational license (T permit), in accordance with the National ordinance on Passenger Transport (“landsverordening personenvervoer”).

3. LEGAL AUTHORITY
Public transportation is governed by (1) the National ordinance on Passenger Transport (“landsverordening personenvervoer”), (2) the island decree of August 24, 1970, (3) the Moratorium Policy on Public Transportation Licenses of February 18, 2014 and (4) this policy amendment.

4. GOALS & PRINCIPLES
The Ministry of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Traffic & Telecommunication (TEATT/TEZVT) believes that the existing moratorium is hampering legitimate businesses from operating within the realm of the law and as such a revision of the policy is necessary.

5. POLICY
The Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Traffic & Telecommunication, in her capacity, has seen the need in the general interest to amend the existing established moratorium on public transportation licenses.

The amendment goes into effect immediately after the date of publication and is an addendum to the Moratorium Policy on Public Transportation Licenses of February 18, 2014.

1. The Moratorium Policy on Public Transportation Licenses of February 18, 2014 on the issuance of public transportation licenses remains in force, but has been amended as follows:

   I. Entities already in the possession of a business license to conduct tours, group/VIP transport and related activities may qualify for an operational license (T permit), in accordance with the National Ordinance on passenger transport, under the following conditions:
a. There should be no outstanding business license or Chamber of Commerce fees at the time of application;

b. The business license should have been approved and issued prior to the approval of this amendment;

c. In the case of Antillean Sole Proprietorships, the business should have been registered at the Chamber of Commerce prior to the approval of this amendment;

d. In case of business expansion, entities will be limited to a max. of 5 T plates;

2. The department of Economic Licenses and the Control department are responsible for the monitoring of this moratorium.

3. The public will be notified of any changes via the local media and the government website www.sintmaartengov.org, the National Gazette and Facebook page.