



# **Ministerie van Toerisme, Economische Zaken, Verkeer en Telecommunicatie**

Ministry of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and Telecommunication

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## **MORATORIUM ON CAR RENTALS**

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### **1. PURPOSE**

This policy reinstates the moratorium on car rental licenses, including car rental fleet expansions.

### **2. APPLICATION**

This policy applies to all new applications for car rental licenses and car rental fleet expansions.

### **3. LEGAL AUTHORITY**

Car Rental licenses are governed by (1) the National ordinance on Public Transportation ("Landsverordening Personenvervoer"), (2) the island decree of August 24, 1970, and (3) this policy amendment.

### **4. GOALS & PRINCIPLES**

In accordance with article 10a of the National Ordinance on Public Transportation ('Landsverordening Personenvervoer') the Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Traffic and Telecommunication (TEATT/ TEZVT) is of the opinion that there already exists a sustainable and reasonable fulfillment in the need for car rental licenses on Dutch Sint Maarten and therefore it is deemed necessary to re-instate the moratorium for rental cars.

### **5. POLICY**

The Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Traffic & Telecommunication is of the opinion that in light of the general interest, it is necessary to re-instate the moratorium on car rental licenses, as the market for car rental licenses is already saturated.

The moratorium goes into effect as of September 16, 2016 and outlines the following:

1. Since there already exists a sustainable and reasonable fulfillment in the need for car rental licenses on Dutch Sint Maarten and thus to prevent further saturation of this market, a decision is taken by the Minister of TEATT, to immediately re-instate the moratorium on car rental licenses.

The moratorium will therefore be re-instated effective the date of approval by the honorable Minister of TEATT and will affect:

- a. New applications for car rental licenses;
  - b. New requests for car rental fleet expansions.
2. In compliance with article 21 and 22 of the Landsverordening Personenvervoer, all car rental companies operating on Dutch Sint Maarten are prohibited from using French license plates.



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

The public will be notified of any changes via the local media and the government website [www.sintmaartengov.org](http://www.sintmaartengov.org) and the National Gazette.

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