

# BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



## TARMAC DELAY EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY PLAN

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## **PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA), the operator of the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport has prepared this Emergency Contingency Plan pursuant to §42301 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. Questions regarding this plan can be directed to Sharlene M. Manglona at [sharlene.manglona@cpa.gov.mp](mailto:sharlene.manglona@cpa.gov.mp). The Commonwealth Ports Authority is filing this plan with the Department of Transportation because it is a commercial service airport.

This plan describes how, the following excessive tarmac delays and the extent practicable, Commonwealth Ports Authority will:

- Provide for the deplanement of passengers;
- Provide for the sharing of facilities and make gates available at the airport; and
- Provide a sterile area following excessive tarmac delays for passengers who have not yet cleared United Customs & Border Protection (CBP).

## **AIRPORT INFORMATION**

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Airport Category: Small Hub

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

In the event of diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact the Airport Manager at (670) 532-3497 or [sharlene.manglona@cpa.gov.mp](mailto:sharlene.manglona@cpa.gov.mp) for assistance.

## **DEPLANEMENT OF PASSENGERS FOLLOWING EXCESSIVE TARMAC DELAYS**

The CPA owns and operates an extremely limited amount of equipment needed to safely deplane passengers from air carrier aircraft and is, therefore, unable on its own to provide for the deplanement of passengers. Additionally CPA personnel are not trained to assist in the deplanement of passengers using equipment owned or operated by air carriers or airport tenants. CPA will facilitate communication with airlines, ground handlers, and

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others who may have the necessary equipment and personnel to safely deplane passengers on behalf of airlines that have incurred excessive tarmac delays as soon as practicable after receiving requests from such airlines through procedures identified in the previous sections.

In the event of tarmac delays, the following procedures shall be observed:

- Identify available parking space that can be used on a case-by-case basis;
- Allocate parking space in a manner not impacting normal flight operations;
- Maintain taxiway access to and from runways and aircraft parking positions;
- Ensure passenger safety;
- Ensure a controlled environment for movement of passengers;
- Safety and security assessments;
- Communication and coordination between the airport and air carrier.

#### **SHARING OF FACILITIES AND AVAILABLE GATES IN AN EMERGENCY**

The gate at Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport is operated under common use to air carriers and is controlled by CPA. We direct our common use air carrier users to make gates and other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate to the maximum extent practicable.

#### **STERILE AREA FOLLOWING EXCESSIVE TARMAC DELAYS FOR PASSENGERS WHO HAVE NOT CLEARED UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION**

The Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport has a defined sterile area capable of accommodating limited numbers of international passengers. CPA will coordinate with local Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials in a timely manner to request that international passengers who have not yet cleared United States Customs and Border Protection to be deplane into defined sterile areas, to the extent practicable. CBP may require actual clearance and/or deplaning in accordance with CBP procedures, and CBP will ensure that the CPA and the appropriate air carrier are notified accordingly.

#### **PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY PLAN**

CPA will provide public access to its emergency contingency plan posting it on CPA's website: [www.cpa.gov.mp](http://www.cpa.gov.mp)