

PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY PLAN (FOR EXCESSIVE TARMAC DELAYS)

The Palm Springs International Airport has prepared this Emergency Contingency Plan pursuant to §42301 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. The Palm Springs International Airport is filing this plan with the Department of Transportation because (1) it is a commercial airport or (2) this airport may be used by an air carrier described in USC 42301(a)(1) for diversions.

This plan describes how, following excessive tarmac delays and to the extent practicable, the Palm Springs International Airport 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 States Customs & Border Protection (CBP).

The Palm Springs International Airport has facility constraints that limit our ability to accommodate diverted flights and strongly encourages aircraft operators to contact the airport at (760) 318-3820 for prior coordination of diverted flights, except in the case of a declared in-flight emergency. Specific facility constraints include the following: Airport cannot accommodate International flights, aircraft size limitation to B767, A320. We have noted these constraints in the Southwest U.S. Airport/Facility Directory record. During diversion events the Palm Springs International Airport issues NOTAMs regarding its ability to accommodate diverted flights to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the airport and its ability to serve the civil aviation needs of the public during irregular operations events.

Airport Information

Name of Airport: Palm Springs International Airport

Name and title of person preparing the plan: Steve Bowser, C.M., Deputy Director of Aviation, O&M

Preparer contact number: (760) 318-3845

Preparer contact e-mail: Steve.Bowser@palmsprings-ca.gov

Date of submission of plan: May 2012

Airport Category: Large Hub Medium Hub Small Hub Non Hub

Contact Information

In the event of diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact the Airport Duty Manager at (760) 318-3820 for assistance.

Plan to Provide for the Deplanement of Passengers Following Excessive Tarmac Delays

The Palm Springs International Airport has limited equipment and personnel needed to safely deplane passengers from air carrier aircraft. We will utilize this equipment to deplane passengers as soon as practicable after receiving requests from such airlines at the contact number listed above. We will also provide a list of airlines, ground handlers, fixed base operators and others who may have the necessary equipment and personnel to safely deplane passengers to airlines as soon as practicable after receiving requests from such airlines experiencing excessive tarmac delays at the contact number listed above. Airlines that do not currently serve the Palm Springs International Airport and are requesting services may need to sign temporary ground handling agreements.

Plan to Provide for the Sharing of Facilities and Make Gates Available in an Emergency

The gates at the Palm Springs International Airport are under common use leases to air carriers and are controlled by the airport. We will direct our common use tenant air carriers to make gates and other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate to the maximum extent practicable.

Plan to Provide a Sterile Area for Passengers Who Have Not Cleared United States Customs and Border Protection

The Palm Springs International Airport has defined sterile areas capable of accommodating limited numbers of international passengers. We will coordinate with local CBP officials to develop procedures that will allow international passengers who have not yet cleared United States Customs and Border Protection to be deplaned into these sterile areas to the extent practicable.

Public Access to the Emergency Contingency Plan

The Palm Springs International Airport will provide public access to its emergency contingency plan through one or more of the following means:

- Posting in a conspicuous location on the airport website (www.palmspringsairport.com)
- Providing notice of the availability of the plan on the airport's social media accounts.
- Posting signs in conspicuous locations in the terminals.
- Advertising the availability of the plan in local newspapers of record.