

Amendment to BES (Caribbean Netherlands) Aviation Act for basis public service obligation

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In brief

The Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management is preparing an amendment to the BES Aviation Act. This amendment provides a legal basis for the establishment of a public service obligation (PSO). A public service obligation allows a government to impose conditions on airlines on an agreed upon air transport route.

What is the purpose of the law amendment?

The amendment to the BES Aviation Act creates a legal basis for establishing a public service obligation. A public service obligation allows a government, if necessary, to impose conditions on airlines on an agreed upon air route. The main four conditions are:

- the maximum ticket price of flights;
- a minimum number of flights;
- the number of seats per flight;
- the continuity of flights.

This ensures good accessibility of the public entities in the Caribbean Netherlands.

Would you like to respond?

You can respond to all parts of the legislative amendment and the explanatory memorandum on this website until July 26 2024.

Please note: the amendments to the BES Aviation Act, to which you can now react, only provide the legal basis for a possible public service obligation. This is therefore not yet about the actual implementation and realization of a public service obligation.

Consultation details

Consultation start date	13-06-2024
Consultation end date	26-07-2024
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Organization	Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management
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Subjects	Aviation Travel

For whom is this important?

- Citizens of the Caribbean part of the Kingdom;
- Travelers to and from the Caribbean part of the Kingdom;
- Governments of the Caribbean part of the Kingdom;
- Businesses on the Caribbean part of the Kingdom;
- Airlines.

What are the implications?

The amendment to the BES Aviation Act makes it legal to establish a public service obligation (in the future).

If it is decided in the future to establish a public service obligation, this will be legally possible after the amendment to the BES Aviation Act takes effect.

Relevant documents

Draft amendment to BES Aviation Act for public service obligation basis

Brief summary and explanation in English of draft amendment to BES Aviation Act

Policy Compass internet consultation Amendment Aviation Act BES

Supporting documents

The following documents provide additional information. You cannot comment on these documents.

BES Aviation Act regulation to be amended

External link:Source: wetten.overheid.nl

Parliament letter about progress exploration public service obligation flights Saba and St. Eustatius

External link:Source: www.rijksoverheid.nl

Publication of responses

Responses will be published during the course of the consultation. Only those responses are published that have been indicated, by the submitter, to be public.