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## **NEWS RELEASE**

## **CIAA ANNOUNCES NEW ENHANCED SECURITY MEASURES FOR USA BOUND FLIGHTS**

This public service advisory has been issued by the Cayman Islands Airports Authority (CIAA), in response to new enhanced security requirements announced by the United States of America:

According to the CIAA, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Janet Napolitano of the United States of America (USA), has announced that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will this week begin implementing new enhanced security measures for all air carriers with international flights to the USA to strengthen the safety and security of all passengers, superseding the emergency measures put in place immediately following the attempted terrorist attack on Dec. 25, 2009.

These new enhanced security measures will commence on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 and will remain in effect until further notice. The measures will apply to USA bound passengers only and will <u>NOT</u> affect passengers on flights to the Sister Islands of Cayman Brac and Little Cayman or to Cuba, Montego Bay and Kingston, Honduras or the United Kingdom.

The additional security checks will include random screening throughout the check-in and boarding process utilising explosives trace detection, advanced imaging technology for baggage, canine teams, or pat downs, among other standard security measures. These protocols are tailored to reflect the most current information available to the U.S. government. They are part of a dynamic, threat-based aviation security system covering all passengers traveling by air to the US while focusing security measures in a more effective and efficient manner to ensure the safety and security of the traveling public.

The CIAA is encouraging passengers to arrive at Owen Roberts International Airport a minimum of three hours prior to their scheduled departure time in order to accommodate these additional measures and to avoid delays.

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