

# **MBS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TARMAC DELAY EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY PLAN**

MBS International Airport has prepared this Tarmac Delay Emergency Contingency Plan pursuant to §42301 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. Questions regarding this plan can be directed to Chris Sieklucki at sieklucki@mbsairport.org. MBS International Airport is filing this plan with the Department of Transportation because (1) it is a commercial airport and/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, MBS 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).

MBS International Airport has facility constraints that limit our ability to accommodate diverted flights or maintain the airport's safe operation and strongly encourages aircraft operators to contact the airport at (989) 695-5558 for prior coordination of diverted flights, except in the case of a declared in-flight emergency.

Specific facility constraints include the following: CBP does not have an international passenger processing facility at MBS Airport, and can only handle a limited number of international passengers on an exception basis; MBS Airport has a limited number of aircraft parking positions (6 parking positions with jetbridge access to the terminal building) and limited available ramp space (4 remote parking positions with ramp access to the terminal building); Due to limited ground equipment located at MBS Airport there is an inability to accommodate park or service certain types of aircraft; MBS Airport has a limited fueling capacity; TSA personnel are available during limited hours, and can only be recalled if there is life or property at risk. We will request these constraints to be included in the MBS International Airport's Airport/Facility Directory record. During diversion events, MBS International Airport will request a NOTAM be issued, 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: MBS International Airport

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Airport Category: Non Hub

## **Contact Information**

In the event of a diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact the MBS Airport Fire Department at (989) 695-5558 for assistance.

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

MBS International Airport does not own or operate any of the 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, airport personnel are not trained to assist in the deplanement of passengers using equipment owned or operated by air carriers or contract service providers. We will 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.

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

The gates at MBS International Airport are under common use gate leases, permits, or agreements to air carriers and are controlled by the airport. 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.

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

MBS International Airport does not have international passenger processing facilities. We will coordinate with local CBP and law enforcement officials to identify suitable areas and procedures for establishing a temporary sterile area into which international passengers on diverted aircraft who have not yet cleared United States Customs and Border Protection can be deplaned. Once these efforts are complete, 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**

MBS 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 (<http://www.mbsairport.org>)
- Posting signs in conspicuous locations in the terminals.