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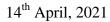
URGENT NOTICE FOR US CITIZENS RESIDING IN ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

The Embassy of the United States in Bridgetown, Barbados will be coordinating with Royal Caribbean Cruises for a maritime evacuation of U.S. citizens from St. Vincent on Friday, 16 April to Dutch Saint Maarten.

U.S. citizens, please plan accordingly, by visiting the website for details - <u>http://ow.ly/5WcR50Eox47</u>.

You can also visit the U.S. Embassy Bridgetown's Facebook page @USEmbassyBarbados · Consulate & Embassy.







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DUTY-FREE CONCESSIONS – RELIEF SUPPLIES

Please be advised that, until further notice, Cabinet has granted approval for 100 percent waiver of import duty, VAT, Excise Duties, Customs Service charge and Bottle Levy on all relief supplies imported into the state from friendly governments, international organisations, charitable bodies, other entities and individuals, and consigned to the following:

- The National Emergency Management Organisation a) (NEMO)
- The SVG Red Cross b)
- c) Rotary Clubs
- d) Lions Clubs
- e) Chamber of Industry and Commerce
- Or any other established religious, charitable and civic f) organisations

In addition, in view of the acute shortage of potable water in the country, Cabinet also granted approval for a 100 percent waiver of all import taxes (import duty, VAT, Excise Duties, Customs Service Charge and the Bottle Levy) on all water imported into the state.

Cabinet has also granted approval for a 100 percent waiver of VAT, Import and other related duties on all barrels with effect from April 12, 2021 to June 30, 2021.



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EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE

An Emergency Certificate is a travel document that can be used in lieu of a passport. It is valid for travel to all OECS countries, Barbados and Guyana.

Vincentians who wish to obtain an Emergency Certificate, need to submit the following to the Immigration Department, St. Vincent and the Grenadines:

- * Completed application form
- * Photo Identification
- * Two passport-sized photographs (the back of one has to be certified by a relevant authority)
- * Birth Certificate

In the case of a child, the photo ID of the parent/guardian would be accepted.

A non-national may be issued an Emergency Certificate depending on the individual's circumstances.

An Emergency Certificate is valid for travel to and from the country of destination. It can be applied for the same day or two to three days prior to departure.

Application forms for an Emergency Certificate are available at the Head Office in Kingstown and at the various Ports throughout St Vincent and the Grenadines.

All persons are advised that the Head Office of the Passports and Immigration Department is open to facilitate the processing of travel documents and to deal with other issues relating to Immigration. The Registry will also be opened from 8:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. to facilitate the need for replacement birth certificates.

For more information, please contact the Immigration Department at 1-784-4562632 or e-mail at office.immigration@gov.vc



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CHREATEST RISK:

PROTECT YOUR HOME AFTER ASHFALL:

Photo: CDEMA

Volcanic Ash: Like Snow, but Deadly

- Keep children indoors with doors and windows closed.
- Prevent children from running or playing in ash.
- If children must go outdoors, cover their noses and mouths using a mask or damp cloth.



For more information, www.ivhhn.org/ash-protection

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- Close windows and doors where possible
- Use tapes, damp towels, or plastic sheeting to seal any gaps to outdoors
- Avoid vacuuming or sweeping as this may circulate fine ash
- Gently clean away ash from surfaces indoors using a damp cloth
- Avoid using appliances like air conditioners that suck in air from outside
- Avoid using cooking, heating stoves or appliances which produce smoke

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AVOID BREATHING IN ASH:

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- Stay indoors and close windows and doors
- Avoid using appliances like air conditioners that suck air from outside
- Gently clean away ash from surfaces indoors using a damp cloth
- If you must go out, wear a mask, and protect your eyes
- When entering your home, leave ashy clothing and shoes at the door

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- Wear a mask or hold a damp cloth over your nose and mouth
- Protect your eyes by wearing glasses or goggles
- Avoid wearing contact lenses
- Wear closed toe shoes, long sleeves and pants to minimize skin exposure to ash
- Limit driving on the roads due to poor conditions

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UPDATED INFORMATION FOR EVACUEES

Q: Are there any plans to evacuate persons to other countries?

- A: Yes, there are plans. Countries are currently assisting with evacuees. Persons wishing to be evacuated to other countries are required to provide the following information:
 - ✓ Name
 - ✓ Address
 - ✓ Date of Birth
 - ✓ Age
 - ✓ Nationality
 - ✓ Gender
 - ✓ Passport details (passport no., date issued, date expired)
 - ✓ ID card no.
 - ✓ Driver's license
 - ✓ Intended destination
 - ✓ E-mail address
 - ✓ Telephone no(s).

Persons are kindly asked to register their information via the SVG Government website <u>www.gov.vc</u>. For nationals the link is <u>http://volcano.gov.vc/?page_id=234</u> and for non-nationals the link is <u>http://volcano.gov.vc/?page_id=352</u>. For more information contact the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade at 1-784-456-2060, 1-784-456-2067, 1-784-533-6361 or 1-784-533-6366. You can also send an e-mail to svgforeign@gmail.com with the caption: "Evacuation Request – (insert your name)".

The countries currently offering accommodation include:

- ➢ Anguilla
- Antigua and Barbuda
- > Barbados
- Canada (Canadian Citizens Only)
- Commonwealth of Dominica Up to 5 months, 300 persons
- ➢ Grenada
- Saba -20 persons
- ➢ St. Kitts and Nevis
- Saint Lucia Up to 3 months
- United States of America (US Citizens Only)



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Saint Vincent and the Grenadines La Soufriere Eruption 2021 <u>Needs List</u> For April 14, 2021

Relief Item	Priority (High, Medium, Large)	QUANTITY
Water Tanks 800 gallons	Н	100
Water Tank 1,000 gallons	Н	100
Buckets (5 gallons)	Н	5,000
Portable Potties (Toilets)	Н	150
Blankets	Н	10,000
Field Tents (20ft x 20ft)	М	30
Field Tents (10ft x 10ft)	М	20
Field Kitchen	М	2
Sleeping Mats	L	1,000
Respirator masks with filters	Н	10,000
Reflective Vests	М	2,000
Caution Tape (100ft roll)	М	100
Hygiene Kits	Н	10,000
Food items (for impacted population 20,000)		
Water for full population of the country, 110,000 for 30 days	drinking water calculations: 15 litres per day; 30 days; pop 110,000;convert to gallons at 3.8751 per gallon	
Drinking and domestic hygiene water	Н	12,774,194 gallons
Drinking water 24x500 ml	Н	40,000
Drinking water 12x1 litre (7 days supply)	Н	28,000
Drinking water 4x4 litre	Н	45,000
Water bladders collapsible	Н	20,000
Water bladders collapsible	Н	50
Water bladders collapsible	Н	50
Mattresses	Н	1000
Mattresses	Н	1000
Water pumps		50
Disposable Food Containers Paper or biodegradable	Н	20,000
Wheelchairs	Н	600
Walkers	Н	1,000
Generators	M	100