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### **Aruba Enacts New Aircraft Registration Legislation**

The Aruba Registry has recently enacted some new legislation to increase the flexibility of the aircraft registration program in Aruba and to meet demands from the industry. The changes were implemented in the aircraft registration regulation. This memorandum will give you an overview of the key elements that have been implemented.

#### Qualifying countries/companies for registration in Aruba

Prior to these changes only natural persons that are resident of Aruba or Aruba legal entities qualified for registration. The new regime expands the definition of qualifying companies to include:

- Members of the European Union states
- Members of the European Economic Zone states
- Members of the British Commonwealth
- The United States of America
- United Arab Emirates

Companies which are member of (one of) these states can qualify for registration.

#### **U.S. Owner Trustees**

U.S. Owner Trustees also qualify for registration in Aruba under this new regime.

#### **Qualifying holders**

The old regime limited registration by either Aruba owners or Aruban lessees ("holders"). The new regulation also allows for aircraft manager or operators to qualify for registration. In all these instances the Registry must verify the underlying documentation that the manager or operator has operational control of the aircraft, which is a safety oversight requirement.

#### Other qualifying countries/companies

The regulation also contains a list of countries that do not fall under any of the earlier mentioned categories but whose companies are commonly used, as part of international financial structures or for which there is demand from the industry. The qualifying countries are listed in annex 1 to this. Companies which are member of (one of) these states can qualify for registration.

#### **IDERA** domestic registry

The new regulation creates the possibility for the Registry to maintain a separate registry for IDERA's filed with the Registry. While the Cape Town Convention does not require domestic legislation for the creation of such registry, it was deemed desirable by the Registry to provide for this to create an extra level of comfort for financiers.

## Pledge domestic registry

The regulation also allows for a separate registry to be created to file any other legal acts and/or notifications that in any way is relevant for the legal status of an aircraft. These include the filling of security interest rights in the form on an Aruba right of first pledge or an Aruban right of first mortgage.

## Other rights

Other rights or notices that that can be filed with the registry include: fractional ownership, engine ownerships or rights allocated to a U.S.-(owner) Trustee. The latter was included to facilitate the recordable of the rights of U.S. (owner) Trustees in Aruba.

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For any further information of aircraft registration in Aruba or on the possibilities of structuring under this new regime or for domiciliation do not hesitate to call us at +1(305) 471.9889 or e-mail us: hello@P4registry.com

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### Annex 1

Channel Islands Chile People's Republic of China Colombia Costa Rica Darussalam Gibraltar Hong Kong (SAR) of China India Indonesia Israel Isle of Man Jamaica Japan Jordan Hong Kong Kazakhstan Kenya Lebanon Malagasy Malaysia Morocco Marshall Islands Mauritius Mexico Myanmar New Zealand Oman Panama Peru Principality of Liechtenstein

Andorra Anguilla

Argentina Australia Azerbaijan Bahamas Bahrain Barbados Belize Bermuda Brazil

Brunei Canada

Antigua and Barbuda

British Virgin Islands

Principality of Monaco Qatar Russian Federation\* Saudi Arabia Seychelles Singapore Saint Kitts and Nevis Saint Lucia Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Serene Republic of San Marino South Africa South Korea Taiwan Thailand Trinidad and Tobago Turkey Turks and Caicos Vanuatu Venezuela

**United Arab Emirates** 

\*Individuals or legal entities from the Russian Federation that are currently under sanctions are not eligible for aircraft registration in Aruba.

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