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NEW PROCEDURES FOR PRIVATE FLIGHTS TO MEXICO

All aircraft operators are hereby informed that effective 2nd February, 2008, the Mexican Civil Aviation Authority has indicated that all international private aircraft flights and ambulance flights from Latin America into Mexican territory will be required to land first at either the Cozumel International Airport or Tapachula Airport. At these airports the required Custom and Immigration procedures will be carried out. Once these checks have taken place and the aircraft is allowed entry, they will be free to fly to other Mexican airports.

These measures will not apply to military/government aircraft or private aircraft being used by high ranking government or military officials. In these cases, these flights will follow the flight clearance procedures currently in use and there will be no restriction on which airport of entry they could use.

Please note that stopover at the any of these Airports will add time and cost to air ambulance flights. This could have potentially fatal consequences for Belizeans being rushed to Merída or Mexico City for advanced emergency medical treatment.

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