

**Update on Arrangements for the Implementation
of the CARICOM Special Visa**

The following points should be noted:

- The CARICOM Special Visa will be required for travel to Barbados and the nine other countries (Antigua and Barbuda, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Trinidad and Tobago, and Dominica) which comprise the Single Domestic Space for the period **February 1 – May 15, 2007**.
- The rationale for the introduction of the Single Domestic Space and the CARICOM Special Visa is to ensure safe and hassle free movement within the participating countries during the staging of Cricket World Cup 2007 and to ensure a safe and secure environment during the tournament.
- Holders of diplomatic and official passports, holders of laissez passer from recognised international organisations, officials providing technical assistance, and consultants under inter-governmental agreements are exempt from the requirement of the CARICOM Special Visa. Special Entry Permits will be issued gratis to these persons, either prior to travel or on arrival upon at their destination, on submission of the relevant information to the nearest issuing sites or to the authorities of the country concerned.
- Cruise ship passengers not staying for more than 24 hours, including air to sea or sea to air transfers, do **not** require the CARICOM Special Visa. Persons staying on floating hotels will require the CARICOM Special Visa.

- Also exempt from the CARICOM Special Visa requirement are those persons who have already been granted a legal status before February 1, 2007 by any Member State participating in the CARICOM Single Domestic Space.

- Children 12 and under are required to apply for the CARICOM Special Visa but will be issued the visa gratis.

- All persons planning to travel to any of the countries in the Single Domestic Space are urged to apply for the CARICOM Special Visa as soon as possible. Every effort is being made to expedite the processing of the visa in as short a timeframe as possible. Visitors requiring further information are urged to contact the nearest issuing site and to monitor frequently the website www.caricomimpacs.org.

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