



## **VIRGIN ISLANDS PORT AUTHORITY**

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**GATEWAYS TO THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS' ECONOMY**

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### **U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICES AT CEKA AND BLYDEN TERMINALS** **TEMPORARILY RELOCATED**

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) pre-departure operations in the Cyril E. King Airport Terminal and operations at the Edward W. Blyden Marine Terminal on St. Thomas have been temporarily relocated until further notice. The Virgin Islands Port Authority is addressing emergency issues it found during construction projects being conducted at both terminals this week. VIPA Executive Director Carlton Dowe said that contractors are working post-haste to complete the work necessary to resume normal operations.

CBP has relocated its operations to ensure that travel and commerce will not be interrupted while VIPA completes the repairs. At the CEK Airport, passengers will clear at Checkpoint A near Gate 1. Longer wait times are anticipated. VIPA advises travelers to arrive at the airport three to four hours before their scheduled departure to allow enough time for the screening process.

The CBP operations at the Blyden Terminal have been temporarily relocated to the Urman V. Fredericks Marine Terminal in Red Hook. All foreign passenger vessels, including the ferries from the British Virgin Islands, will clear Customs at Red Hook until the Blyden Terminal checkpoint is reopened. Cargo vessels will be cleared at the CEK Airport's CBP Entrance and Clearance window (located in the hallway next to the LIAT counter). VIPA apologizes for any inconvenience and assures the public that the agency is working as fast as possible to return to normal operations.

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*The Virgin Islands Port Authority (VIPA) is an autonomous, self-sustaining government agency established in 1969 as the owner and manager of the United States Virgin Island's airports and seaports. VIPA owns and manages 14 seaports, two airports, and surrounding properties. It is a critical arm of the USVI's economy that facilitates travel and commerce and fosters tourism and economic growth via its port activities. VIPA's mandate is to develop and maintain the ports of the USVI to accommodate the current and future demands of our users, and to provide safe port facilities. Follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).*