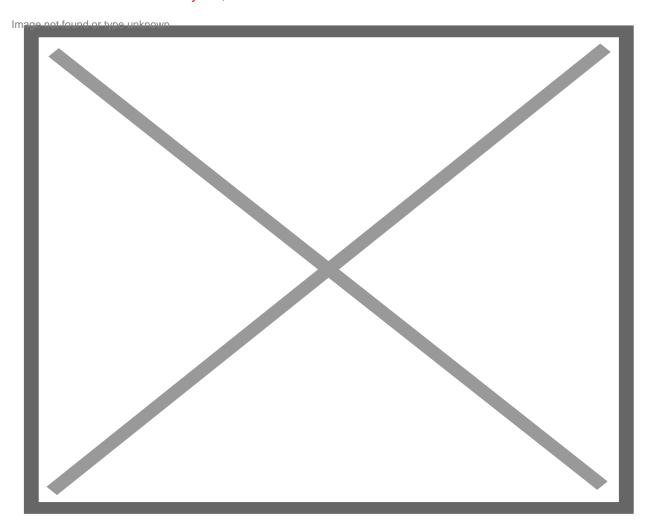
Long Lines at Cyril E. King Airport to Be Significantly Reduced as Customs Resumes Normal Operations at Airport and Blyden Terminals on Friday, Port Authority Says

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A portion of the Cyril E. King Terminal

The Virgin Islands Port Authority announced Wednesday that repairs to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection screening areas have been completed at the Cyril E. King Airport Terminal and the Edward W. Blyden IV Marine Terminal on St. Thomas.

Normal operations will resume at both terminals on Friday, said VIPA Executive Director Carlton Dowe.

Mr. Dowe apologized for the long lines at the CEKA Terminal while VIPA's contractor mitigated environmental conditions during the construction. With the completion of these repairs, the long lines should be significantly reduced, the authority said, adding that it will continue repairs in the terminal.

During the construction phase, there may be unforeseen repairs that need to be urgently addressed, Mr. Dowe said. He thanked the public for their continued patience as VIPA works to improve its port facilities to better serve the public.

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