

## SIERRA LEONE GOVERNMENT MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS 14 GLOUCESTER STREET, FREETOWN

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## PRESS RELEASE

## PAYMENT OF AIRPORT SECURITY FEE OF US\$25 BY INBOUND AND OUTBOUND PASSENGERS AT THE FREETOWN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, LUNGI

The Ministry of Internal Affairs wishes to inform all inbound and outbound passengers, particularly those using the Freetown International Airport in Lungi, that effective 31<sup>rt</sup> August 2022, the Government of Sierra Leone will cease to pay for the security services of SECURIPORT, and that passengers will meet the cost of the said services.

The public will recall that since 2016, the Government of Sierra Leone has been meeting the cost of security services provided by SECURIPORT at the Freetown International Airport. However, considering the adverse impact of the world economic crisis on our economy, the Government can no longer meet the initial service cost of US\$40 for each inbound and outbound passenger. Accordingly, the Government of Sierra Leone engaged management of SECURIPORT to re-negotiate the cost of their services per passenger. The re-negotiated fee for both inbound and outbound passengers is US\$25. The agreed fee will be paid by each passenger through an on-line platform/digital payment system to be developed by SECURIPORT.

To give effect to the above, effective 1st September 2022, all inbound and outbound passengers are required to pay the sum of US\$25 at the time of purchasing their air tickets by using either of the following payment facilities: Orange Money, Afrimoney, and online payment platform: <a href="www.securipass.sl">www.securipass.sl</a>. Passengers who do not have access to the internet or mobile phone services can execute the transaction over the counter of the following banks: Ecobank, United Bank for Africa(UBA) and Sierra Leone Commercial Bank(SLCB).



The fees collected by SECURIPORT will allow authorities to utilize cutting-edge border control technology tools to ensure the safety of passengers, airport installations, and other airport related hardware and equipment.

The Ministry wishes to assure all passengers, the Airport Authority and other Agencies at the airport of quality security services.

For further enquiries on this matter, please contact the Ministry's Media Office on +23276200088 and/or SEGURIPORT on +23290711636

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## YOUR SECURITY OUR PRIORITY

Starting September 1st, 2022, to ensure airport safety, we are required to charge an Airport Security fee of \$25 (credit/debit card processing fees are not included) to each passenger departing from and arriving to all international airports in Sierra Leone.

The applicable fee will allow the authorities to utilize cutting-edge border control technology tools to ensure the safety of passengers, airports installations, and other airport related hardware and equipment.