



NAMIBIAN PORTS AUTHORITY

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**To: Port Control and Pilots, Floating Crafts, Ships Agents,
Masters of foreign going Vessels, Port facility Security Officer,
Terminal Operators
Law Enforcement Agencies**

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P.O. Box 361 Walvis Bay, Namibia*

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Dear Sir/Madam

MEMORANDUM: PORT CAPTAIN WRITTEN INSTRUCTION ON EBOLA

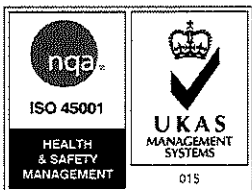
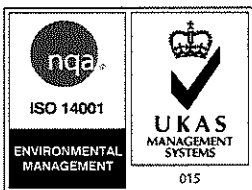
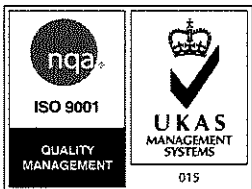
1. BACKGROUND

The World Health Organization has issued warnings with regards to Ebola Communicable Disease outbreak in West African Countries. As a result the Authority deems it prudent to implement measures to safeguard our Ports against the exposure to the threat posed by vessels visiting our Ports.

2. PROCEDURE

The following procedures have been developed to prevent the spread of any contagious disease. The quarantine period will be confirmed by Port Health based on their assessment.

- 2.1 Prior to boarding a vessel, call up Port Control and confirm that free pratique has been received and also enquire about the last three ports of call. Security to also check with ISPS pre-arrival notification.
- 2.2 Upon boarding confirm health status of crew with the Master.
- 2.3 For high risk vessels (that is vessels that have been to West Africa or where the ship has a West African connection) ensure that you are wearing face masks and hand gloves.
- 2.4 For the warning period all Namibian citizens are to refrain from consuming foods or liquids on board vessel from high risk areas. Gifts involving food should also not be accepted.





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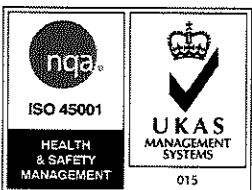
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- 2.5 All off port limit crew from affected areas to be carefully screened – no crew to be taken off a vessel without Port Health clearance.
- 2.6 Port Health declaration also required for all Off Port Limit transfers.
- 2.7 All medical evacuations from vessels from affected areas need to be screened by Port Health before person is taken off vessel.
- 2.8 Captain of the vessel to confirm in writing that stowaway sweep was done when departing last port – Stowaway search may be requested to be done when alongside at vessels cost using stowaway sweeper companies whose members have undergone training and /or awareness on Ebola Virus Disease.
- 2.9 Security to inform Port Control of any reported stowaways from vessels calling from affected areas – if reported vessel to remain at anchor until cleared by Port Health for entry or advised otherwise.
- 2.10 All masters of vessels must report stowaways on his vessel if calling from affected area – vessel to remain at anchor until stowaways are examined and cleared by Port Health or otherwise advised.
- 2.11 Strict gangway watches to be maintained at all times.
- 2.12 All members involved in evacuation of infected crew or stowaways must be trained by Port Health on Ebola Virus.
- 2.13 Separate lists of vessels calling from Ebola affected areas are to be maintained for record purposes.
- 2.14 All galley waste of vessels from affected areas is to be incinerated and should not be accepted ashore.
- 2.15 Additional Security should be deployed by the Agent of vessel for contaminated vessels and no one must be allowed on board a contaminated vessel except Port Health and only after clearance can anyone be permitted to enter the vessel.
- 2.16 If possible contaminated vessels should be allocated an isolated berth away from other vessels.



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3. SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF INFECTED PERSONS:

- 3.1 Symptoms include high fever, bleeding and central nervous system damage. This is followed by vomiting, diarrhea, rash, and in some cases bleeding.

4. PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN TO PREVENT INFECTION AND SPREAD OF VIRUS:

- 4.1 Wear face mask and hand gloves.
- 4.2 Leave on gloves when shaking hands with vessel crew from affected areas
- 4.3 Sanitize hands frequently.
- 4.4 Avoid contact with people showing signs and symptoms indicated above.
- 4.5 Avoid consuming foods and other products.
- 4.6 Do not utilize the facilities on board.
- 4.7 Do not make contact with bodily fluids.

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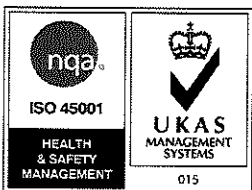
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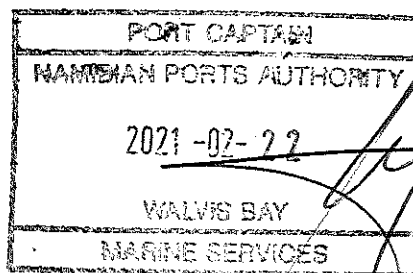


For further clarification, please contact the Port Captain and /or Security Manager.

By Order:

Port Captain – Walvis Bay

Capt. Lukas Vipanda Kufuna



CC: Terminal Managers

CC: Port Health Officer

CC: Security Manager

