



EBOLA - PORTS RESTRICTIONS

| Country | Restrictive measures taken | Information source | Date of last update | Date lifting of Sanctions | Comments |
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| Liberia | <p>Monrovia port workers are being checked before entering the port. Strict procedures are being applied on all staff and visitors. For vessels calling at Liberian port, Maritime authority issued below:</p> <p>a. Only authorized personnel performing official duties shall have access to inbound and outbound vessels</p> <p>b. All authorized personnel MUST wash their hands with chlorinated water at the gangway before embarking and disembarking the vessel</p> <p>c. All authorized personnel MUST wear long sleeves and long pants. Personnel must put on impermeable disposal gloves at the gangway before boarding the vessel and remove the gloves upon disembarking</p> <p>d. All port users for whom contact (within 3 feet) with ill persons is unavoidable (e.g., health staff) MUST have their own PPE to gain access. Required PPE for persons who have contact (within 3 feet) with ill persons includes: face mask, waterproof gown, eye protection such as face shield or goggles, waterproof disposable gloves, and rubber boots or booties (shoe coverings). SHARING OF PPE IS NOT ALLOWED.</p> <p>e. All soiled or damaged PPE should be properly disposed of in a biohazard container</p> <p>f. No shore leave/pass will be issued to any crewmember except in cases of medical evacuation at which time the Port Doctor MUST be contacted for further action</p> <p>g. No crew changes will be allowed until further notice</p> <p>h. All vessels coming into port MUST report passengers/crew members experiencing any of the symptoms [fever, headache, muscle pain, diarrhea, vomiting, stomach pain, unexplained bleeding or bruising] prior to coming into port</p> | LIBERIA MARITIME AUTHORITY | 01/09/2014 | | |
| Sierra Leone | <p>Operations are still ongoing at the port of Freetown. So far, no suspected case has been found at the terminal. All visitors are checked at the entrance of the port. Hand sanitizers, chlorine, dettol are available at entrance of the port.</p> <p>- All sick crew/s on board the VSLs must be reported immediately to port health officers on their arrival.</p> <p>- No shore pass will be granted to crews, meaning they should stay on board the VSL for their port Stay except for emergency issues.</p> <p>- Medical forms will be issued on board the VSLs by PORT HEALTH officers to know the health status of the crews.</p> | local team | 27/08/2014 | | |
| Guinea "Conakry" | <p>Harbour Master along with Port Authority Health have put in place the following security measures and contingency plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a team of National struggle Committee against Ebola virus is in place at Port; - laser thermometer to determine the temperature of stevedores, ships pilot and rest of team on board - Health and cleaning services based on the quay; compulsory wearing of rain flap and gloves - Ship crew members not allowed to leave ship, exception made for surveyor - Issuing of certificate by the Health Authority to ship the ship on leaving for the next Port of call | Port Autonome de Conakry | 19/08/2014 | | |
| Nigeria | No outbreak of Ebola virus in the Bonny/Port Harcourt Pilotage District and the ports are health free to receive vessels at any time | Nigerian Ports Authority | 18/08/2014 | | |
| | It was stated unofficially that vessels coming from affected countries would not be allowed to enter Nigerian ports. There has been no official announcement to this regard. The vessels arriving from these countries will face an increased chance of delay while the port health authorities consider how to proceed with any given vessel. More stringent inspections, delays and possible detentions for quarantine cannot be ruled out. | local team | 19/08/2014 | | |
| Ghana | <p>There is no restriction for vessels calling Takoradi port from Ebola registered zones. All such vessels are to comply with the WHO recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When a vessel calls Takoradi from an Ebola zone, port health authorities are to be duly notified. - Vessel will be cleared at anchorage and only when there are no signs of Ebola will they be allowed entry into the port for operations. | Ghana ports & Harbours Authority | 29/08/2014 | | |
| | In case of any suspicion, the vessel will be kept in quarantine for 21 days | local team | 19/08/2014 | | |
| Senegal | <p>Any vessel coming from West African infected countries (GUINEA CONAKRY - SIERRA LEONE - LIBERIA) will be submitted to below restrictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - last infected country called less than 22 days prior arrival: Banned from entrance - left infected country between 22 & 30 days prior to arrival: Vessel will be boarded by sanitary team at anchorage - left infected country more than 30 days: Vessel will be accepted entry <p>Vessels from NIGERIA will be cleared at anchorage, as per port authorities.</p> | Maritime Border Sanitary Control | 28/08/2014 | | |
| Togo | If vessel coming from an infected country declares a sick crew member with Ebola symptoms onboard, vessel will be put under quarantine. | Port of Lome | 29/08/2014 | | |

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| Benin | All vessels calling at Cotonou must inform the port authorities 3 days prior to arrival; provide the list of the last 10 port calls All vessels originating from or having called at one of the infected countries must have on board preventive dispositions against the Ebola virus All vessels originating from infected countries, and having on board preventive dispositions must stay at anchorage and encounter inspection measures from agents of Ministry of Public Health- and obtain a 'free practice' note prior to proceeding to bay at port It is imperative that all personnel and crew members of the aforementioned cases wear gloves and protective masks for the duration of their port call at Cotonou | local team | 27/08/2014 | | |
| Cameroon | Restrictions on all Personnel & Cargo movements originating from infected countries until further notice. Any vessel coming from an "infected" country (Nigeria / Sierra Leone / Liberia / Guinea Conakry) will be inspected at its arrival at the base buoy, and after 21 days (incubation period) of the Ebola virus. If anyone has the virus on board, vessel won't be allowed to get into port. Following charges will apply for the sanitary inspection, and that will be charged to the vessel through the Agent: - 4 protection kits FCFA 310,000 (EUR 472) + Premium for sanitary inspectors FCFA 640,000 (EUR 975). - Costs for various tools such as ethanol drums, thermometers, calcium and others FCAF 1.591.988 (EUR 2.427). - Fees for the launch boat to bring inspectors onboard, EUR 1524 per trip. | Ministry of Transport/ Ministry of Health and the Union of Shipping Agents | 05/09/2014 | | |
| Congo | Vessel Arrival Notice has to be sent Min. 1 week before ATA PNR. - The sanitary info doc will have to be signed, stamped and returned to the agent - Crew list will have to mention for each crew the place of embarkation & the date. - Port calls list will have to show the Port calls list of the past 3 months before Pointe-Noire. - Quarantine of 25 days: If the vessel come from one of the infected country, she must have sailed from the last infected country for a minimum of 25 days. In order to berth or to performed formalities off-shore. - If the 25 days are not completed, the vessels will have to wait offshore before to receipt any people on board. - Pilot & officials might request the purchase of security equipment in order to come on board to process the formalities, but the amount has not been confirmed yet. | Port Health Department | 05/09/2014 | | |
| Congo DRC | As per Harbor Master instructions, vessels having called at the suspected countries should drop anchor prior proceeding to Congo River ports. - Quarantine officers should board vessels and make due inspections; Quarantine report to Harbor Master will authorize pilot to board vessels or not. | Harbor Master | 10/09/2014 | | |
| Equatorial Guinea | Any vessel coming from an "infected" country (Nigeria / Sierra Leone / Liberia / Guinea Conakry) will be put under quarantine for 3 days. If after those three days no one onboard is showing EBOLA symptoms, then vessel will be accepted. If anyone is showing EBOLA symptoms, vessel won't be able to enter the port to carry out its operations. | Ministry of National Security | 04/09/2014 | | |
| Angola | Any vessel coming from an "infected" country (Nigeria / Sierra Leone / Liberia / Guinea Conakry) will be put under quarantine for 3 days. If after those three days no one onboard is showing EBOLA symptoms, vessel will be accepted. If anyone is showing EBOLA symptoms, vessel won't be able to enter the port to carry out its operations. | Lobito Port Authorities | 25/08/2014 | | |
| South Africa | Countries have been divided into 3 categories: high risk/ medium risk/ low risk: - High: Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone; Medium: Nigeria, Kenya, Ethiopia; Low: All countries excluding the above. All vessels from aforementioned high and medium risk countries will be required to carry out stowaway searches at anchorage prior to entry to South African Port. | Chief Harbor Master- Transnet | 25/08/2014 | | |
| Gabon | 24 hours prior vessel arrival on Gabonese waters, agent will have to provide the following to port authorities and ISPS team : 1. last sanitary control of the vessel or last sanitary exemption 2. sanitary maritime declaration 3. copie of the last 20 days inspections 4. a statement on the measures taken onboard in case of a suspect case or death of a seaman 5. list of the ports where crew changes took place 6. list of the ports called in the last 30 days When vessel is originating from an "infected" country, a medical team will go onboard for a sanitary and medical inspection of the crews- results will then be given to the OPRAAG that will authorize or not entry of the vessel. - crew change operations are forbidden until further notice. Crews will not be allowed to leave the vessel. - Pilots will have to wear special equipments as well as individual & collective protection tools. | Ministry of Health | 04/09/2014 | | |
| Ivory Coast | All vessels coming to Ivory Coast will be inspected by a sanitary team. If the vessel is not coming from an infected country, inspection will take place at berth to limite loss of time. If the vessel has an infected country listed in the last 5 visited ports, inspection will take place at anchorage. Inspection cost will be charged to the vessel- Basic fee is FCF 200,000 (305 EUR) and additional costs if any will be also charged to the vessel. | Port Autonome d'Abidjan | 04/09/2014 | | |