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EBOLA VIRUS – Update 1

As previously advised the situation in the various countries of West Africa regarding the Ebola virus is very fluid and is changing on a daily basis.

In this context and further to our advice of 19.08.2014 please find below some updated information we have received from TCI Offices in West Africa.

SIERRA LEONE

As per information gathered, so far there is no restriction imposed by the ports of Freetown and Peppel. Vessels are still sailing to these ports. However it is highly recommended that arriving ship's crewmembers do not go ashore. (This is in response to the WHO guidelines.) Contact with shore people must also be avoided and same must be prevented from boarding the ship if possible. Should boarding be necessary then the crew must avoid handshakes.

SENEGAL

Since this morning 22.08.2014 the Senegalese Authorities have forbidden entry at Dakar port to all vessels coming from Guinea Conakry, Sierra Leone and Liberia. Nigeria is not concerned for the time being. Written confirmation of this has not yet been obtained, but the port's Harbour Master is already applying this new measure.

LIBERIA

As of 20.08.2014 the Government imposed new restrictions in that all places of entertainment must be closed at 1800 hours and a curfew from 2100hrs until 0600hrs. This is not having any impact on vessel / port operations.

KENYA

The Government has now banned flights to and from the West African countries which can be considered the epicentre of the disease.

Mombasa Port Health officials have started screening crew on all vessels arriving at the port, paying particular attention to vessels having passed through Guinea, Sierra Leone, Monrovia and Nigeria. Agents are being requested to submit crew lists at least three days prior to arrival.

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