



Ship Type: All Trade Area: India

Bulletin 175 - 02/01 - Measures to prevent the spread of Ebola Haemorrhagic Fever - India

The following measures are to be applied for the prevention of entry and spread of Ebola Haemorrhagic Fever in India as directed by the Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

1. Apart from giving answers to Maritime Declaration of Health questions, Master should also declare whether any person from Uganda has embarked the ship within the last 21 days. If the answer is "yes", then the pilot will not grant free pratique to such vessel. First the Port Health Officer for medical examination and health measures will board the vessel, and then free pratique will be granted. Till such time no person should board the vessel.
2. Master should note that Mombassa and Dar-es-Salaam are the nearest ports to Uganda, from where persons from Uganda are likely to board. All ships coming from Mombassa, Dar-es-Salaam or any other port in Somalia, Kenya or Tanzania should be scrutinised thoroughly to know whether any person (crew/passengers) from Uganda has boarded, or if any person on board has symptoms of fever, headache, muscle pain, diarrhoea, skin rash or bleeding from mouth, nose or any other part of the body.
3. Such person should be isolated on board from other crew or passengers and the nearest Port Health Authorities should be informed immediately for further necessary action.

The Master of the vessels may be instructed through the steamer agents that the vessels coming from Ebola Infected areas within 25 days should hoist the "quarantine flag" while in port until free pratique has been granted by the port health officer.

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