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Sub: Measures for prevention of Ebola virus at Chittagong Port, Chittagong, Bangladesh

We write to advise that the Port Authority, Customs Authority, Immigration Authority and the Quarantine Authority at Chittagong Port have notified that the Masters of the vessels calling at Chittagong Port will have to provide health clearance status of all crew and officers prior to the vessel entering the Chittagong Port limit.

The following information are required to be provided by the master of the vessel:

1. The name of the last port of call.
2. Health status of officers and crew members.
3. Maritime health declaration.

The master will provide the above information to the agents who will in turn notify Port Authority, Customs Authority, Immigration Authority and Chittagong Radio control and thereafter, clearance will be granted to the vessel for entering Port Limit.

A team has been formed by the Chittagong Port Authority and also by the Government of Peoples Republic of Bangladesh to deal with any Ebola virus affected person. Copy of minutes of the meeting held on 27.08.2014 and circulated by Director (Traffic), Chittagong Port Authority is attached.

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Minutes of the meeting on “Measures to be taken in Prevention of Ebola virus at Chittagong Port” held at berthing room of Chittagong Port Authority on 27.8.2014 at 10.00 am presided by Director (Traffic). CPA.

In attendance :- Copy attached.

1. Director (Traffic) CPA in his inaugural speech welcomed everybody & thanked them for their presence in the valued meeting. He also expressed his deep concern on the threat of spreading affect of Ebola Virus and drew the attention of the presence for taking concrete measures in this regard. He then requested Dr. Sarwar Ahmed,(Sr. Medical Officer & Team Leader, “Ebola virus Prevention Team” of CPA to address the matter elaborately in the meeting.
2. Dr. Sarwar Ahmed, Sr. Medical Officer & Team Leader “Ebola virus Prevention Team” constituted by CPA presented to the gathering about the origin, geographical distribution of Ebola Virus affected countries and mode of spread of the virus. He also said about the signs & symptoms of the disease and how to treat the sufferers. He also talked in details about the preventive measures to be taken by the stake holders. He also read out an article printed in the national newspapers by W.H.O about Ebola Virus.

Typical signs and symptoms of infection are:

Sudden onset of fever, intense weakness, muscle pain, headache and sore throat are typical signs & symptoms.

The following treatment should be started immediately:

Severely ill patients require intensive supporting care. They are frequently dehydrated and need intravenous fluids or oral rehydration with solutions that contain electrolytes. Finally immediate steps need to be taken to transfer the patient to the designated hospital.

3. Capt. Nazmul Alam, Dy. Conservator of CPA asked all the concern Shipping Agents to follow the guide lines strictly for all vessels at the time of entering into Chittagong Port. He said that the identification of last port of call & health clearance for any vessels is mandatory which must be informed from Master to Agent & Agent to Custom, Immigration along with CPA Radio Control. After getting the health clearance from Custom & Immigration the crew will be

allowed to pass. The regular operational work of the vessels will start after getting health clearance from the Master on board.

4. Mr. H.M. Kabir, Asstt. Commissioner of Custom House Ctg. has asked all the Shipping Agents to give proper instructions to their labor to make them aware of the facts.
5. Mr. Mamunur Rashid, Director BSAA asked CPA to provide necessary medical assistance including Doctors, Paramedics, Ambulance & virus protective dress.
6. After elaborate discussion chairperson of the meeting Director (Traffic) CPA & along with Dr. Sarwar Ahmed, (Sr. Medical Officer & team leader for CPA Ebola Virus Prevention Team). declared the following preventive measures taken by CPA :-
 - a) Master on board will submit health clearance through agent to CPA & Customs before the arrival of any vessel within the port limit.
No vessels will be allowed to enter in Port limit without the declaration for the same.
 - b) Chittagong Port Authority has already formed a team to face the situation as follows:-
 - i) Dr. Sarwar Ahmed, (Sr. Medical Officer & Team leader for CPA Ebola Virus Prevention Team.) Mob: No. 01817706469.
 - ii) Dr. AKM Kaderul Islam (Medical Officer & member for CPA Ebola Virus Prevention Team.) Mob: No. 01190330730
 - iii) Mr. Ahamedullah, (Jr. Staff nurse & member for CPA Ebola Virus Prevention Team.) Mob: No.01812836331.

A Government Team is also working with

Dr. Md. Afsar, (Asstt.Port Health Officer as Team Leader)

&

Dr. Fariduddin Md. Osman, (Port health Officer, Chittagong), is overall in charge of co-ordinating with different Teams.

If Ebola virus is suspected the following measures will be taken instantly by the CPA Ebola Virus Prevention Team with the help of concerned Department of CPA.

- a) The ship to be quarantined (as per prevailing system)
- b) Port Health Officer must be informed in this regard;

- c) CPA will engage one transport to bring patient from ship. Chief Medical Officer, Dy. Conservator and Director (Security) of CPA will jointly co-ordinate to arrange such a transport. One shore ambulance & required number of dresses to be provided by CPA. Chief Engineer (Mech.) of CPA will provide an ambulance to carry the patients from shore to designated isolated place on an urgent basis. Chief Medical Officer of CPA along with Controller of Stores may arrange the dresses within the shortest possible time. The dresses will be required for those who will be involved in transferring of patients to designated hospital. The expenditure of carrying suspected patients and their treatment cost will be borne by respective shipping agent.
- d) The suspected will be evacuated to designated isolated place, IDS Fouzderhat.
- e) System Analyst of CPA will take necessary steps to make this minutes available in CPA's website.

7. Finally Chairperson of the meeting Director (Traffic) CPA thanked all & declared the meeting closed.



Director (Traffic)
Chittagong Port Authority

Copy to:- (for information & necessary action)

1. **Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Chittagong .**
2. **Managing Director, Bangladesh Shipping Corporation. Ctg.**
3. **Dy. Conservator, CPA.**
4. **Director (Security), CPA.**
5. **Chief Medical Officer, CPA**
6. **System Analyst, CPA.**
7. **Terminal Manager, CPA.**
8. **Dy. Traffic Manager (Op.), CPA.**
9. **PA to Chairman, CPA, for his kind information please.**
10. **President, Bangladesh Shipping Agents Association, Stock Exchange , Building. Mujib Road, Agrabad, C/A, Chittagong.**



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Chittagong Port Authority.