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## **EBOLA VIRUS – Update 5**

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 and subsequent updates of 22.08.2014, 27.08.2014, 04.09.2014 and 05.09.2014 please find below a summary of the latest information we have received from various TCI Africa offices.

### **SIERRA LEONE**

The government of Sierra Leone has announced a three day nationwide lock-down of the country from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2014 in order to assist in combatting the spread of the EVD and, via door to door searches, to root out any suspected / undeclared cases. During this period of curfew, which will be monitored by the military, no one will be allowed to leave their home. This will inevitably result in the closure of the country's port facilities. Therefore vessels alongside or at anchor can expect to remain idle as there will be no available labour / stevedores.

### **SENEGAL**

The Health Ministry made a public announcement on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 advising that the only patient hospitalised in Dakar (a Guinean citizen) had recovered from the disease. Therefore there is presently no reported case of EVD in Senegal.

### **NIGERIA**

The Minister of Health, Prof. Onyebuchi Chukwu, released an update on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 regarding the status of the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in Nigeria. Prof. Chukwu advised that as of Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September the total number of confirmed cases of EVD in Nigeria stood at 19 - 15 in Lagos and 4 in Port Harcourt. The total number of deaths from EVD in Nigeria stood at seven - 5 in Lagos and 2 in Port Harcourt. Of the remaining 12 reported cases the patients had all recovered.

He further stated that "At present, there is no single current case of confirmed EVD in Nigeria."

However, a suspected case of EVD in Ile-Ife, south west Nigeria, has been quarantined and is being investigated. There are also 16 people still under observation / quarantine in Lagos.

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