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## PORT AUTONOME DE CONAKRY



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*Le Directeur Général*

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**Object :** Information letter addressed to shipping agencies and their owners:

Dear Sirs,

We inform you that the Conakry Port Authorities are taking the Ebola virus threat very seriously. A number of measures have already been taken to mitigate the risks since the onset of the Ebola virus in Guinea.

We would like to inform you that there are currently no suspected or confirmed cases since the start of this epidemic of Ebola in different areas of the Port where handling operations are carried out and around the harbor.

Conakry Port Authorities have put in place a Committee that is closely monitoring the situation and is in regular contact with the World Health Organization (WHO), Doctors Without Borders (MSF), and Guinean Health Authorities

A contingency plan has been put in place by the Conakry Port Authorities with the Port Health Authority to protect work force and visitors :

This plan clearly details the following specific measures:

- 1- A team from the National struggle Committee against the Ebola virus is put in place in Port;
- 2- Laser thermometer to determine the temperature stevedores, the ship's pilot and the team in charge of the usual formalities on board ship;
- 3- The public services are required to follow their working procedures in avoiding physical contact with the ship's crew;
- 4- A special measures has been formalized regarding the embarkement and disembarkement from ships, in a form given to every ship's master calling in;

- 5- An Ebola communication plan is in place that includes: radio awareness, community meetings, TV campaign posters;
- 6- Each ship berthed and operation, there is a security device and safety that has been put in place: basin of bleach put the bottom of the footbridge to disinfect hands, wearing gloves and rain flap and prohibition formal of any person, exception for handling teams;
- 7- Ship crew members are not allowed to leave the ship, exception made for the surveyor who will be required to follow all Conakry Port health Authority and safety/security rules every time the disembarks;
- 8- Reducing the number of persons in charge of usual formalities on board ships;
- 9- The ship's pilot must have to wear rain flap, gloves and to disinfect hands before boarding the ship
- 10- A contingency plan has been put in place to Conakry port for the Ebola alert.

We hope that these specific measures respond to your concerns.



General Manager

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