Rules and Preventative Measures at Ports and Airports: For Ebola

The following is a brief overview of action and measures taken by some countries in response to this situation.

Members are advised to always seek the most up to date information from any particular country that they need to consider.

The information below is likely to be subject to rapid change without notice.

Measures and Rules in Australia

- Customs and Border Protection and Department of Agriculture biosecurity officers have been alerted to the possibility of Ebola when identifying sick passengers arriving in Australia.

Measures and Rules in China

- Screening protocols to prevent the spread of Ebola have been implemented.
- People from infected regions required to inform entry-exit authorities and inspection
- China's quarantine, foreign affairs, health and tourism departments released a statement saying that people from the infected regions would be subject to medical check-ups and the cargo quarantined
- Machines checking temperatures have been installed in Baiyun airports, anyone over 37.5C get a blood test, this is due to high population of African immigrants in GuangZhou

Measures and Rules in Germany

- Active measures to quarantine people from the affected nations, should they show symptoms
- Man from Sierra Leone showed symptoms with fever and nausea was admitted to isolation, tested negative

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LONDON
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PIRAEUS
SINGAPORE

Measures and Rules Hong Kong

- travellers advised to avoid 4 infected nations
- travellers holding documents from Sierra Leone, Liberia, Nigeria or Guinea are given health information sheets on where to go and what to do if they develop symptoms
- no direct flights from west Africa to hong kong

Measures and Rules in Ivory Coast Abidjan

- No vessel from any infected country is allowed to call in Abidjan
- Ivory Coast has banned flights from Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia

Measures and Rules in Philippines

- Ships passing through Sierra Leone, Liberia, Nigeria or Guinea are ordered not to make crew changes
- POEA has banned the deployment of overseas workers to west Africa
- POEA chief has stated all ship masters should institute a medical officer, who will inspect suspected illness and will report to and coordinate with with appropriate international marine medical providers if symptoms are found

Measures and Rules in Singapore

- Sierra Leone, Liberia, Nigeria or Guinea nationals will be issued national health advisories when they come through immigration checkpoints
- Shipowners are advised to facilitate any requests from port authorities when they believe they have been exposed to infection

Measures and Rules in UAE/Dubai
- Flights to guinea have been halted, flights to Senegal persist
- Taking precautionary measures in line with WHO regulations

Measures and Rules in USA

- American staff families in Liberia have been returned home
- Increased awareness on health precautions to be taken on the role of airline employees
- Coast guard will review notice of all arrivals to determine if a vessel has visited an affected nation
- Members are requested to inform coast guard of any infected crew as opposed to just port authority

Measures and Rules in UK

- British Airways has cancelled all flights to Liberia and Sierra Leone until the end of month
- Pre-prepared quarantine areas for hypothetical confirmed ebola cases showing up in London
- Members are to report to port authorities in the event of infection

Impact on Air Travel

- Chad has banned all Nigerian arrivals 9 August.
- Cote D'Ivoire has suspended all flights to and from ebola-affected countries
- Ghana has banned all incoming flights from affected countries
- Gambia does not pick up any passengers from affected countries

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