



## Ebola Virus Immigration Changes

### Sri Lanka

According to the information provided to SAMI, nationals of under noted countries will NOT be granted visa/approval to enter SRI LANKA UNLESS it can be proved that they have been living outside these countries for the past 6 months.

Other nationals living in the below listed countries for a minimum of one month will not be approved to land in SRI LANKA unless it can be proved that they have been living outside the countries for the past 6 months.

- Congo
- Gabon
- Guinea
- Guinea Bissau
- Kenya
- Liberia
- Nigeria
- Sierra Leone
- Sudan
- Uganda

Other nationals, who are arriving SRI LANKA after visiting the above named countries, will not be permitted with visa/landing approval to enter SRI LANKA UNLESS a period of 21 days since visiting that country have elapsed - as the Ebola incubation period is 2 to 21 days.

This applies mainly to ship's crew and security guards as their port stays are usually deemed to be minimal and provided the ship has not approved shoreleave whilst in these countries.

The SRI LANKAN authorities are checking on the last 10 ports of call of vessels and approval is granted to disembark guards/ship crew only if the ship has exceeded 21 days since the call to any of the countries listed.

If Ebola is detected, no approval to visit will be granted what so ever.

### Members Update on Immigration Authority changes and demands.

SAMI has received information from correspondents and members with regard to new immigration procedures in the wake of the ongoing Ebola virus concerns.

The new procedures detailed in this briefing apply to Sri Lanka, Saudi Arabia and some west coast ports in India.

It is important to note, however, that other nations are seemingly in the process of reviewing their requirements and members are urged to check the latest information regarding any States they may be sending personnel too.

### Inter-African Travel

Some African countries have agreed to lift travel bans on people arriving from Ebola-hit nations. The African Union is trying to take steps to ease the economic pain the virus has brought to the continent. However, non -African nations are taking an increasingly aggressive stance to limit the potential spread of the virus.





All airlines are informed of this procedure as well, and any persons suspected of being infected are subject to detention/medical examination by the airport authorities.

If a person dies on board a ship, and the ship has called any of the countries listed, within 21 days or the person dies of suspicion of having Ebola symptoms, the body can be disembarked following medical guidelines.

It is important to note that NO postmortem will be conducted and the body will be burnt immediately within minimal time as authority will not risk by granting time for medical examinations/tests etc.

### Saudi Arabia

Similar to Sri Lanka, the Saudi Arabian authorities have acted to contain the potential spread of Ebola. We have been informed of new requirements in Jeddah, which may affect members.

Before disembarking guards in Jeddah guards must be in possession of a valid Yellow Fever Certificate and must not have visited anywhere in West Africa in the last 21 days. While we have not yet sighted a list of banned nations, we would suspect those covered to mirror those stated by Sri Lanka. As such they are likely to include, as a minimum:

- Congo
- Gabon
- Guinea
- Guinea Bissau
- Kenya
- Liberia
- Nigeria
- Sierra Leone
- Sudan
- Uganda

Our correspondent has been liaising with local authorities, and as such expects this process to expand across Saudi Arabia.

Attached at the rear of this briefing are two immigration forms issued by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia – and they are required in cases where guards are needed to be disembarked.

### West Coast India

There has also been raised awareness of the need to contain Ebola in some West Coast India ports,

where the local Port Health Authorities (PHO) are checking the validity of all Yellow Fever Certificates and enquiring as to the last port calls for the vessel.

It has also been reported that cabins onboard vessels which are calling into these ports from West Africa have been fumigated and guards have had their temperature taken and recorded twice a day for three days before they were allowed to disembark.

The whole process had to be photographed and sent to the PHO.

Due to the incubation period for Ebola the norm seems to be 21 days before contractors would be allowed in to some countries, if they have been in West Africa.

It is strongly suspected that there will be a an increase in health checks and extra procedures around the Indian Ocean as the virus continues to kill and expand in West Africa. Members are encouraged to develop procedures to both protect their vessels, but are also advised to develop contingency plans or to ensure that any personnel who have been in West Africa are not then expected to be granted free pratique into non-infected nations.



**KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA**

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

**DIRECTORATE OF HELATH AFFIARS AT JEDDAH PROVINCE**

**HEALTH INSPECTION CENTER AT JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT**

**APPLICATION FORM FOR CREW GOING OUT OF PORT**

**THE MANAGER HEALTH CENTER AT JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT**

**RESPECTED SIR**

**GREETINGS**

**KINDLY REQUEST YOUR GOODSELF TO GRANT PERMISSION FOR CREW TO GO OUT OF PORT WHOSE DETAILS ARE HERE BELOW, HE IS WORKING ON BOARD VESSEL:.....**

**LOCAL AGENTS NAME:..... FOR REASON: .....**

**NAME**

**SEAMAN BOOK NUMBER**

**NATIONALITY**

**THE PAST INFORMATION ABOUT THE CREW ARE HERE BELOW:**

**1. DID HE TRAVELLED TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES DRING LAST 21 DAYS**

- LIBERIA                      \* GUINEA                      \* SIERRA LEON                      \* NIGERIA**

**2. DID HE HOLDS VALID VACCINATION CERTIFICATE FOR YELLOW FEVER**

- YES                      \* NO**

**SIGNATURE OF CREW.....**

**AGENT**

**NAME: .....**

**SIGNATURE: .....**

**DATE: .....**

**THE MANAGER OF IMMIGRATION JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT  
WITH GREETINGS**

**RESPECTED SIR**

**AFTER CHECK UP OF ABOVE CREW MEMBER**

**(    ) ALLOW HIM TO GO OUT OF PORT**

**(    ) DO NOT ALLOW HIM TO GO OUT OF PORT FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:.....**

**CONSULTANT AT PASSENGER TERMINAL CLINIC**

**NAME:.....**

**SIGNATURE:.....**

**KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA**

**GENERAL PORT AUTHORITY**

**JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT**

**15/230**

**REF: 15/27/24566**

**DATED: 17/10/1435H**

**SUBJECT: PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AT HEALTH INSPECTION CENTRE IN RESPECT OF EBOLA VIRUS**

**CC: WITH GREETINGS TO MANAGER IMMIGRATION JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT**

**CC: WITH GREETINGS TO MANAGER HEALTH INSPECTION CENTRE AT JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT**

**TO: SHIPPING AGENTS**

**WITH GREETINGS...**

**THIS IS WITH REFERENCE TO LETTER FROM MANAGER OF HEALTH INSPECTION CENTRE AT JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT NO. 652/123/47/J DATED 16/10/1435H IN RESPECT OF SPREAD OF VIRUS EBOLA IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES IN AFRICA AND ANNOUNCEMENT FROM WHO ABOUT THIS DISEASE AS HEALTH EMERGENCY IN ALL OVER THE WORLD, THE PROCEDURE SHOULD BE ADOPTED THAT YOU ARE HEREBY INFORMED THAT CREW SHOULD NOT GO ASHORE IN ANY CASE EXCEPT AFTER CHECK UP THRU THE DOCTOR AT CLINIC AT PASSENGER TERMINAL AND ENSURE THAT THEY ARE MEDICALLY FIT AND HAVING ALL VACCINATION AND AFTER FILLING ATTACHED FORMAT.**

**THIS A VERY IMPORTANT SUBJECT AND YOUR ARE REQUESTED TO ACT ACCORDINGLY.**

**WITH REGARDS**

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT**

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Kingdom of Saudi Arabia  
Ministry of Health  
Directorate of Health Affairs at Jeddah Province  
Health Inspection Center at Jeddah Islamic Port



المملكة العربية السعودية  
وزارة الصحة  
مديرية الشؤون الصحية بمحافظة جدة  
مركز المراقبة الصحية بميناء جدة الإسلامي

## إشعار وصول باخرة

Ship Nationality الجنسية	imo No	Call sign	Ship Name اسم الباخرة
Local Agent الوكيل المحلي			
Time of arrival وقت القوم المتوقع	Date of Arrival تاريخ القوم	Arrive from جهة القوم	

اذكر الدول التي مرت بها الباخرة خلال ال ٣٠ يوماً السابقة :

- ليبيريا  غينيا  سيراليون  نيجيريا  
 أخرى ، حدد:

هل مافر احد البجارة الى احد الدول التالية خلال ١ يوماً السابقة (انكر اسمانهم)	عدد البجارة	الحالة الصحية للبجارة
<input type="checkbox"/> ليبيريا <input type="checkbox"/> غينيا <input type="checkbox"/> سيراليون <input type="checkbox"/> نيجيريا		

المحترم

سعادة مدير مركز المراقبة الصحية بميناء جدة الإسلامي

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

نحيطكم علماً بأن المعلومات المذكورة اعلاه مطابقة للواقع، وإذا اتضح خلاف ما ذكر فإننا نكون مسئولين لما يترتب عليه من غرامات وخلافه.

تاريخ التقديم: ...../...../.....

المدير المسئول:.....

التوقيع:.....

الختم الرسمي