



The Ebola Task Force, Nassau, The Bahamas



APD LIMITED

Owners and Operators of the Nassau Container Port (NCP)
In conjunction with The Bahamas Ebola Task Force

NOTICE TO CARRIERS - No. 3 of 2015

OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PROTOCOL FOR MITIGATING POSSIBLE RISK OF EBOLA VIRUS EXPOSURE AT NCP

Dated: 26th January 2015

The Government of The Bahamas has created an Ebola task force ("the task force") for addressing and minimizing the possible risk of exposure to the Ebola Virus ("the virus") by The Bahamas via its Ports of entry.

The task force has approved a protocol for use by all carriers berthing at the NCP with vessels whose voyages entail routes outside of the islands of The Bahamas.

Please take Notice of the following procedure which will take effect within one (1) week of service of this Notice:

1. A **Crew List** must be completed by the Ship's Master for each port visit and forwarded to NCP's PFSO at pfsso@apdport.com prior to berthing (*please see Crew List form to be used*);
2. All crew members must complete a **Health Declaration Form** (*Ebola Screening Form - see attached form*) and forward the completed form to NCP's PFSO at pfsso@apdport.com prior to the crew member's arrival at the NCP;
3. The **Health Declaration Form** is to be done once every 30 days providing there is no change in crew members prior to such timeframe;
4. If a Ship has called at a Port in Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, or any region where there is a current Ebola virus outbreak within the past 30 days the Health Declaration Form is to be completed by all crew prior to the Ship calling at NCP;
5. If it has been reported that a person on board is symptomatic of someone who has contracted the Ebola Virus, that vessel may be disallowed from berthing at NCP and directed to The Bahamas Port Authority for berthing at an alternative location or may receive clearance to berth; but no person on board will be allowed to disembark until clearance is given by the National Health Authority;
6. Disembarking of an infected or a person suspected of being infected with the Ebola Virus will only be done under the supervision of the National Health Authority.

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