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RE-INTRODUCTION OF EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE RELATED TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR TRAVELERS BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND LIBERIA

On 18 May, 2015, the National Department of Health (NDOH) had issued a travel advisory in relation for the removal of Liberia from the list of high risk countries for Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) transmission.

However, following the recent developments where a confirmed case of EVD was detected on 29 June 2015 in Margibi county in Liberia, the NDOH has reviewed the travel advisory dated 18 May 2015.

All travellers between South Africa and Liberia will now be required to observe the following measures:

- Avoid non-essential travel to Liberia. Essential travel may include Diplomatic, health, humanitarian missions and business travel.
- In situations where travel to and from Liberia is unavoidable, permission to travel must be requested from the NDOH. The written request must be addressed to the Director-General: Health, for the attention of Dr Frew Benson and sent to the following address: Nathoc1@health.gov.za

Measures for epidemic preparedness and response remain in place to prevent the introduction of the disease into South Africa. All travellers from Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone will still go through the thermal screening process and fill in the travel health questionnaire at the ports of entry.

Travellers will also be monitored daily for a period of 21 days by the NDOH for any symptoms such as fever, headache, achiness, sore throat, diarrhoea, vomiting, stomach pain, rash or red eyes.

The NDOH will continue to monitor the situation and provide guidance as deemed necessary. For more information, please contact National Health Operations Centre (NATHOC) on Tel: 012 395 9636.

Kind regards

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