



DEENDAYAL PORT AUTHORITY

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TRADE NOTICE

URGENT HEALTH ADVISORY — IMMEDIATE COMPLIANCE REQUIRED

The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the Ebola Disease outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Uganda as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) on 17 May 2026. Non-compliance with health screening requirements at Points of Entry may attract action under applicable laws including the Indian Ports Act 2025 and IHR 2005.

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The WHO declared the Ebola Disease (Bundibugyo virus — *Orthoebolavirus bundibugyoense*) outbreak in DRC and Uganda as a PHEIC on **17 May 2026** under IHR 2005. Countries bordering DRC and Uganda, including South Sudan, are assessed to be at high risk of disease transmission.

1.2 While the risk to countries outside Africa remains currently low, the substantial volume of international maritime trade and crew movement underscores the imperative of maintaining adequate preparedness and response capacities at all Seaports, as directed by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

2. MANDATORY OBLIGATIONS — ALL SHIPPING AGENTS

2.1 All Shipping Agents at Deendayal Port, Kandla are hereby directed to ensure strict compliance with the following requirements with immediate effect:

- (a)** Obtain from the Master of every arriving vessel a duly completed Maritime Declaration of Health (MDH) disclosing the health status of all crew and persons on board, with specific reference to any travel history to Africa (DRC, Uganda, South Sudan and other contiguous countries) in the last 21 days.
- (b)** Ensure that all crew members and persons on board who have visited or transited through any African country in the last 21 days complete and submit the Self Declaration Form (SDF) as per the prescribed format (MoH&FW SOP Annexure-I) to the Port Health Officer / Boarding Officer prior to or at the time of berthing.
- (c)** Immediately report to the Port Health Officer (PHO) / Seaport Health Unit (SHU) / Harbour Master any crew member or person on board who presents with or reports any of the following symptoms, irrespective of travel history:
 1. Fever (any grade) or history of fever in past 21 days
 2. Weakness / intense fatigue / malaise

3. Muscle pain, headache, sore throat
 4. Vomiting, diarrhoea, stomach pain
 5. Unexplained skin rash
 6. Red eyes (conjunctival injection)
 7. Any bleeding from any site — gums, nose, eyes, skin, stools, or vomitus
- (d) Ensure that no crew member or person on board with a history of travel to Africa in the last 21 days is permitted shore leave until thermal screening has been completed by the Port Health Officer / Boarding Officer and clearance has been granted.
- (e) Advise the Master to maintain on board all travel documents, crew lists, port call history (last 21 days), and completed SDFs for inspection by the Port Health Officer / Boarding Officer at any time during the vessel's stay.

3. MANDATORY OBLIGATIONS — VESSEL MASTERS

- 3.1 Masters of all vessels calling at Deendayal Port are required to:
- (a) Declare accurately in the Maritime Declaration of Health the medical condition of all persons on board and any illness or death that has occurred during the voyage, including details of any crew member who has recently visited Africa.
 - (b) Ensure that any crew member or passenger who develops symptoms suggestive of Ebola disease (fever, weakness, muscle pain, headache, vomiting, diarrhoea, bleeding) is immediately isolated in a single cabin, provided a triple-layer surgical mask, and the matter is reported to the Shipping Agent and the Port Health Officer without delay.
 - (c) Not permit any crew member with Africa travel history or symptoms to go ashore until clearance is granted by the Port Health Officer.
 - (d) Co-operate fully with Port Health Officers, Boarding Officers, and health teams for thermal screening, SDF collection, clinical examination, and if required, sample collection as directed.

4. HEALTH SCREENING PROCEDURE AT PORT

- 4.1 Upon arrival of any vessel at Deendayal Port anchorage or berth, the following procedure shall be followed:
- (a) The Boarding Officer / Port Health Officer shall review the Maritime Declaration of Health and Crew List and identify all persons with Africa travel history in the last 21 days.
 - (b) Thermal screening shall be conducted for all persons on board vessels arriving from, or having called at, any African port in the last 21 days.
 - (c) Crew/passengers shall be categorised as follows and action taken accordingly:

Category	Description	Required Action
Category 1	Crew / passenger from affected country — No symptoms — No contact history	Self-monitoring for 21 days; daily follow-up by District Surveillance Unit. Shore leave as normal.
Category 2	Crew / passenger from affected country — No symptoms — History of contact with Ebola case	Shore leave DENIED. Kept under surveillance at dedicated quarantine facility; daily monitoring for 21 days; reported to NCDC/MoHFW.

Category 3	Crew / passenger exhibiting symptoms of Ebola disease	Shore leave DENIED. Immediate transfer to designated isolation hospital via dedicated ambulance. Sample collection and dispatch to NIV Pune. Contact tracing initiated. Reported to IDSP/NCDC/MoHFW.
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5. KEY CONTACTS AT DEENDAYAL PORT

Authority	Contact / Designation	Telephone / VHF
Port Health Officer (PHO)	PHO	9898838827
Vessel Traffic Service (VTS)	VTS Kandla/Signal Station Kandla	9825227246,9016682249 VHF Ch. 08/16

6. NON-COMPLIANCE

6.1 Non-compliance with this Trade Notice, including failure to submit SDF, concealment of travel history or symptoms, or refusal to undergo health screening, may constitute an offence under applicable provisions of the Indian Ports Act 2025, the Merchant Shipping Act 1958, the Epidemic Diseases Act 1897, and the International Health Regulations 2005, and will be dealt with accordingly. Action including denial of port entry, detention of vessel, or referral to competent health authorities may be taken.

7. GENERAL

7.1 This Trade Notice shall remain in force until further orders and supersedes any earlier instructions on this subject to the extent of inconsistency.

7.2 All Shipping Agents are requested to acknowledge receipt of this Trade Notice and circulate it to the Masters of all vessels under their agency forthwith.

7.3 Any queries regarding the requirements of this Trade Notice may be addressed to the Marine Department / Harbour Master's Office, Deendayal Port Authority.


 29/5/26
**Deputy Conservator
Marine Department**

All stakeholders

Copy to: Traffic Manager /Chief Medical Officer, DPA/KICTL/AKBTPL/IFFCO/IOCL/PHO/Customs, Kandla,

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