



MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT

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SECURITY LEVEL 3 (ISPS CODE) INSTRUCTIONS FOR PORTS & LANDING SITES

Following the pronouncement by H.E The President of the Republic of Uganda on closing all borders of Uganda in an effort to combat COVID-19, The Ministry of Works and Transport (Maritime Administration) is evoking the implementation of Security level 3.

This is a security level for which further specific protective security measures shall be maintained for a limited period of time when a security incident is probable or imminent although it may not be possible to identify the specific target at all Marine Ports and Landing sites with international travel of goods and services.

The following guidelines should be adhered to:

1. Enforcement of the Presidential Directives on public Transportation – special emphasis on the transportation of people by water transport.
2. Enforcement of Ministry of Health guidelines on usage of public Transportation (Marine Transportation vessels)
3. The Uganda Police Message IMM3/4/5/210 dated 26/03/2020 from GENPOL KLA, Directive No. 7.
4. The Security Committees set up under the auspices of the Security Sector Development Plan (SSDP) 2015/16 – 2019/20, prepare and implement Port Security Plan (PSP) (written document that describes the measures the members of the port community should take to reduce vulnerabilities, deter threats and respond to security incidents. It should address issues impacting upon the security of the port and, where applicable, may take into account issues relating to any port facility security plan or other security plan).

In order to achieve implementation of the above guidelines, the following Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs) shall prevail;

1. Domestic and International Vessels

- a. Only vessels inspected, registered and licensed by the Ministry of Works and Transport will be allowed to operate.
- b. Only cargo vessels, registered and licensed by a recognised Flag State, shall be allowed to ferry goods across borders and will berth at designated points by the Uganda Police Force.
- c. RO-RO vessels which ferry cargo between Kisumu, Kenya and Mwanza, Tanzania will operate BUT the crew of the vessels will be quarantined to their respective vessels until offloading and loading is complete AND will not be allowed to enter the Ugandan Territory as per Presidential directives.
- d. URC should provide adequate safety PPEs for the teams that will be engaged in offloading and loading of the RO-RO vessels at Portbell and Jinja Port i.e MV Kaawa, MV Umoja and MV Uhuru.
- e. URC engage Ministry of Health and Uganda Police Force to prepare safety procedures (At Jinja Port) for handling seafarers engaged on vessels transporting bulk and crude Palm oil between Jinja, Kalangala and Kisumu Port.
- f. All the categories of vessels mentioned above will at all times have relevant documentation and a logged itinerary of the vessel onboard.
- g. All Fishing vessels on the Lake Albert should not exceed 5 Nautical Miles from the shores and on the Lake Victoria, should not exceed 15 Nautical Miles from the shores.
- h. No vessels are allowed to ferry passengers to and from across any border with Uganda except for Ugandan Nationals

returning home who will be subject to 14 days quarantine at designated area by the District Security Committee.

- i. Any vessel that receive distress calls (emergency), should be allowed to attend to the call so as to save lives and property.
- j. Domestic passenger boats should apply the formula of private vehicles as directed by H.E the President and allowed to transport passengers, food stuffs, medical supplies from islands to the designated mainland as stipulated in 2(a).

2. Ports and Landing Sites

- a. The District Security teams should endeavour to limit Access to single and controlled, access points and the designated landing sites for domestic ferries and traditionally built vessels by the Uganda Police Force (UPF). (Copy attached)
- b. All ports and landing should sites w.e.f implement the suspension of embarkation or disembarkation of passengers planning to enter or leave the country (No International Transportation of passengers by any vessels).
- c. All the landing sites and Ports should have health teams equipped with tolos to check passengers embarking and disembarking from vessels.
- d. The Ports and landing sites should work out a system to link with the National COVID-19 taskforce for purposes of coordination and reporting any suspect cases.

3. Anybody who contravenes the above SoPs will be punished according to the Law

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