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ENHANCED MEASURES TO PREVENT THE RISK OF IMPORTATION OF EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE THROUGH AIR TRANSPORT

Ebola virus disease (EVD) is an infectious disease caused by the Ebola virus that spreads from one person to the other through direct contact with the blood, secretions, organs, or other bodily fluids of infected people, and with surfaces and materials (e.g. bedding, clothing) contaminated with these fluids.

Following the declaration of the Ebola virus disease (EVD) outbreak in the neighboring country of Uganda on 20th September 2022; the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania through the Ministry of Health has enhanced measures geared to prevent the importation/spread of the disease through air transport. Among the measures introduced is the requirement to complete the digital traveler health surveillance form via the **afyamsafiri** platform for domestic travelers and travelers coming or transiting through Uganda or the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in the past 21 days. Other measures will include increasing traveler awareness of EVD and introducing decontamination procedures to aircraft arriving from affected areas.

In order to enhance the smooth implementation of these procedures travelers and other stakeholders are required to implement the following measures;

1. Domestic travelers shall fill out the declaration forms available online at www.afyamsafiri.moh.go.tz. Users should log in and complete the health questionnaire within 24 hours before departure.
2. International travelers arriving from or transited through Uganda or DRC in the past 21 days shall ensure that they complete the digital traveler health surveillance form available at www.afyamasafiri.moh.go.tz within 24 hours before arrival in Tanzania.
3. Ministry of Health, airport operators shall provide awareness information to travelers via different media platforms including video and voice adverts at the airports.
4. Airlines to include embedded short messages about Ebola and *afyamsafiri* in their booking system and display video clips at the checking counter or use any other effective means for delivering information

to travelers and stakeholders to encourage them to fill out the form even before arriving at the airports for check-in.

5. In liaison with Port Health Office, airlines and airport operators shall facilitate the decontamination of conveyances arriving or transited through Uganda or DRC.
6. Ministry of Health shall in collaboration with other airport stakeholders provide functional hand washing facilities and sanitizer in all passenger waiting areas to facilitate regular hand washing before boarding or on arrival
7. Aircraft operators shall ensure the Health part of the Aircraft General Declaration is signed by the pilot or agent and delivered to Port Health Authority together with the passenger manifest.
