



MALDIVES CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY
Republic of Maldives

AIR TRANSPORT CIRCULAR
AT 01/2014

**TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS TO AND FROM COUNTRIES HEAVILY
AFFECTED BY THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE**

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1.0 GENERAL

- 1.1 The Government of Maldives has decided not to issue on-arrival visas to travelers arriving from countries heavily affected by Ebola virus disease as part of the ongoing preparedness and precautions against this disease. The countries listed by World Health Organization (WHO) as those heavily affected by Ebola Virus Disease are Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea, in West Africa.
- 1.2 The Government of Maldives has taken these decisions based on the need to protect the Maldives from the disease, and to assure both nationals and tourists of the seriousness with which the matter is being taken by the authorities

2.0 PURPOSE

- 2.1 The purpose of this Circular is to advise all the international airlines operating into the Republic Maldives and the airport authorities of the precautionary measures applied at all International Airports by the Government of Maldives, against the Ebola Virus Disease.

3.0 REQUIREMENT

- 3.1 Airlines operating international flight to the Republic of Maldives are advised to take note of the following precautionary measures in place at all international airports in the Maldives;
- a) Travellers arriving from the three countries with widespread and intense transmission of Ebola Virus disease; i.e. Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea, will not be issued on- arrival visa
 - b) Third country nationals arriving to Maldives who have visited Liberia, Sierra Leone, or Guinea will not be issued on-arrival visa till after 21 days have elapsed since their travel to any of these countries.
 - c) Maldivian nationals are advised against any travel to Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea



- 3.2 Airlines are strongly advised to complete “Declaration of Health” section of General Declaration for each arriving flight and ensure it is submitted to Port Health Officers at the respective Airport without any delay.
- 3.3 The Civil Aviation Authority request fullest cooperation of all airlines in order to ensure the services offered to travellers are in no way diminished delayed or deteriorated in manner or timeliness.
- 4.0 **APPLICABILITY**
- 4.1 The requirements in this Circular shall apply to all airlines operating international flights to and from the Republic Maldives and the International Airport Operators.
- 5.0 **EFFECTIVITY**
- 5.1 This Circular will come into effect from 14th October 2014.



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