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## REX POLICY ON TRANSPORTATION OF EBOLA PATIENTS

The alarming spread of the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) could result in someone in Australia being infected with the virus. This raises the possibility of a request for air transportation for such patients.

The Regional Express (Rex) Group is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all stakeholders through compliance with all applicable safety legislation, regulations and relevant guidelines/codes of practice.

There are no guidelines promulgated in Australia for the safe air transportation of patients with EVD and as such, the Rex Group has evaluated the guidelines provided by the US Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The Rex Group is unable to logistically meet the guidelines set out by the US CDC. Some of the constraints we identified are:

1. Requirement for a portable isolation unit (for adult).
2. Requirement for a portable chemical toilet approved for use during flight to be placed within the isolation area.

Consequently, based on the recommended guidelines, the Rex Group's fleet of aircraft is not able to meet these requirements and is therefore unable to transport patients affected by EVD.

Should the relevant Australian health authority promulgate different guidelines in the future, the Rex Group will re-examine the matter and revise its policy as appropriate.