DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



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## STATEMENT OF AUTHORITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY COMMITMENT FROM THE U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION NOT TO PUBLICLY DISCLOSE NON-PUBLIC INFORMATION REGARDING MEDICAL PRODUCTS USED, OR PROPOSED TO BE USED, FOR EBOLA-RELATED PURPOSES SHARED BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC HYGIENE OF GUINEA

The Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene of Guinea is authorized to disclose nonpublic information to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regarding medical products used, or proposed to be used, for Ebola-related purposes as part of cooperative law enforcement or cooperative regulatory activities.

FDA understands that some of the information it receives from the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene of Guinea may include non-public information exempt from public disclosure under the laws and regulations of the Republic of Guinea, which is confidential commercial information; trade secret information; personal privacy information; law enforcement information; designated national security information; or internal, pre-decisional information. FDA understands that this non-public information is shared in confidence and that the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene of Guinea considers it critical that FDA maintain the confidentiality of the information. Public disclosure of this information by FDA could seriously jeopardize any further scientific and regulatory interactions between the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene of Guinea and FDA. The Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene of Guinea non-public status of the information at the time that the information is shared.

Therefore, FDA certifies that it:

1. has the authority to protect from public disclosure such non-public information provided to FDA in confidence by the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene of Guinea;

2. will not publicly disclose such non-public information provided by the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene of Guinea without the written authorization of the owner of the information, the written authorization from the individual who is the subject of the personal privacy information, or a written statement from the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene of Guinea that the information no longer has non-public status;

3. will inform the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene of Guinea promptly of any effort made by judicial or legislative mandate to obtain non-public information provided by the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene of Guinea from FDA. If such judicial or legislative mandate orders disclosure of non-public information provided by the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene of Guinea, FDA will take all appropriate legal measures in



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an effort to ensure that the information will be disclosed in a manner that protects the information from public disclosure; and

4. will promptly inform the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene of Guinea of any changes to the United States laws, or to any relevant policies or procedures, that would affect FDA's ability to honor the commitments in this document.

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