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Dear Regional Directors

**IMPLEMENTATION ON THE AMENDED VALIDITY OF THE YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION**

World Health Organization (WHO) has formally published a correspondence regarding the amendment of Annex 7 of the International Health Regulations (2005). The amendment relates to the lifetime validity of yellow fever vaccination.

The amendment will apply to both existing and new certificates. Re-vaccination or a booster dose of yellow fever vaccine cannot be required of international travellers as a condition of entry into the country, regardless of the date that certificate was initially issued.

Regional Directors are therefore requested to ensure that all Points of Entry implement the said amendment by 11 July 2016. Please bring the contents of this communiqué to the attention of all Port Health Officials.

Kind regards

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