

Travax® Content Changes Sample

Travax Content Changes – May 26, 2016

Shoreland's *Travax Content Changes*

Yellow Fever Requirements and Recommendations

Updated yellow fever requirements and recommendations officially published by WHO on May 20, 2016, in the "Country List" of the 2016 online update of *International Travel and Health* (ITH) have been incorporated into Travax Report Builder and Destinations. Under the International Health Regulations (IHR), this document is the only official reference repository of enforceable requirements declared by individual countries to WHO. No national entity, including the U.S. CDC, independently verifies these requirements. Users of other online listings should verify that the information presented is current and in accordance with this new official 2016 WHO ITH update.

- New YF entry requirement: No countries added since the 2015 update
- Changed YF entry requirement from all countries to risk countries: Benin, Rwanda
- Changes to age requirement and airport layover information were made for 9 countries.

Effective July 11, 2016, The International Certificate of Vaccination and Prophylaxis (ICVP) for yellow fever vaccination will be valid for life, and this validity applies to existing and new certificates for the purposes of international travel. Revaccination or a booster dose of YF vaccine cannot be required of international travelers as a condition of entry into any country regardless of the issued ICVP date; validity begins 10 days after the date of vaccination. On new ICVPs, "life of person vaccinated" should be entered in the validity space on the certificate.

A country's currently declared period of validity (for 10 years, for life, or undeclared but presumed to be 10 years) remains in effect until July 11, 2016 and is currently noted in Travax Report Builder and Destinations. Whether implementation of the new lifetime validity regulation by personnel at the point of entry in countries with current 10-year validity policies will occur immediately is uncertain.

For the first time, WHO has stated that for the purposes of personal health protection of individual travelers, national authorities and health care providers may make booster requirements or recommendations for their own populations or patients, respectively.

For the first time, WHO has stated in the preamble to the "Country List" that country requirements are subject to change at any time, and that only the latest updates received by WHO from countries are documented on the ITH website. Although reporting of changes to entry requirements to WHO is mandatory under the IHR in order to be valid, less than timely reporting has apparently become more widespread. WHO currently advises travelers to check with consulates or embassies for the latest requirements; however, in the experience of most, this recommendation is not always likely to ascertain current information. When Shoreland obtains official documentation from a national Ministry of Health regarding changes in requirements that have not yet been reported to WHO, those changes will be incorporated into Travax Report Builder and noted in Travax Destinations as a deviation from WHO.

Marine Hazard Statements and Library Article Updated in Travax

Travax Destinations have been updated to include marine hazard statements for 150 countries. The medical article containing information on epidemiology, risk factors, and prevention strategies has been updated in the Library.

North Korea, Pakistan: Malaria Information

The malaria maps and text for North Korea and Pakistan have undergone substantive revisions.

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