No. L-21021/52/2013-PH (III)

To,

WHO Representative to India,
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.

Subject – Requirement of Yellow Fever Vaccine Booster Dose for passengers travelling from/to Non-Endemic Countries- regarding.

The matter pertains to the current WHO recommendations related to lifetime validity after single dose of yellow fever vaccination.

In this regard, Technical Material was provided by WHO, which was examined by a Technical Committee, under the Chairmanship of DGHS. It was agreed upon that a Single Dose of Yellow Fever Vaccine provides lifelong immunity and no Booster Dose is required after 10 years, to maintain immunity (with special consideration for groups such as pregnant and lactating women, HIV+ and immunocompromised individuals).

This has been approved by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Sujeeet Singh)

Cc. To all ARTO/PHO/YFV centres in the country.
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject – Clarification regarding non-requirement of Booster Dose of Yellow Fever Vaccine (YFV) for passengers travelling from/to Non-endemic countries - regarding.

India being free from Yellow fever Disease requires vaccination against YF disease. Any international traveler who arrives in India from a yellow fever endemic country is required to have YF vaccination certificate. In view of evidence received from WHO the validity of this certificate has been increased from 10 years to lifelong and communicated to WHO vide letter no. L-21021/52/2013-PH (IH) dated 30.08.2017. In continuation, it is further clarified that:

a) The certificate of vaccination against yellow fever is valid for the life of the person vaccinated.
b) This lifetime validity applies automatically to all existing and new certificates, beginning 10 days after the date of vaccination.
c) Accordingly, revaccination or a booster dose of yellow fever vaccine will not be required for international travelers. This amendment to the IHR was agreed upon by WHO in July 2016 and agreed to by the Government of India in August 2017.
d) The IHR international certificates of vaccination, issued by other YF vaccination centers are now automatically valid for life of the traveler indicated and hence, nothing needs to be modified in these certificates. However under the IHR, any changes, deletions, erasures or additions may cause a certificate to be rendered invalid.
e) The validity of YFV certificates issued by other countries will also be treated as valid for the life of the person vaccinated.

The aforementioned may please be brought to the notice of all concerned.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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