

There has been a lot of confusion going around about the new requirement of a yellow fever vaccination for travellers to / from Zambia. According to WHO (World Health Organisation), they do not see it as requirement (please see my correspondence with them below).

However, the South African Department of Health has issued the following information regarding the requirements for travellers from and to South Africa:

Zambia

Returning travellers from South Africa to Zambia and travellers from Zambia to South Africa will now require proof of YF vaccination. Previously, proof of YF vaccination was not required.

Most important:

In-transit passenger, irrespective of the time period in-transit, will still require proof of Yellow Fever vaccination.

This is important for all your clients who are travelling from Livingstone, via South Africa to their home country as this could effect them.

Please advise all accordingly.

List of countries for which a Yellow Fever vaccination certificate is required for entry into South Africa.

Angola	Congo	Kenya	Senegal
Argentina	Côte d'Ivoire	Liberia	Sierra Leone
Benin	Democratic Republic	Mali	Somalia
Bolivia	of the Congo	Mauritania	Sudan
Brazil	Ecuador	Niger	Suriname
Burkina Faso	Equatorial Guinea	Nigeria	Togo
Burundi	Ethiopia	Panama	Trinidad and Tobago
Cameroon	French Guyana	Paraguay	Uganda
Central African Republic	Gabon	Peru	United Republic of Tanzania
Chad	Gambia	Rwanda	Venezuela
Colombia	Ghana	Sao Tome and	Zambia
Guinea-Bissau	Guinea	Principe	
	Guyana		

Kind regards
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Subject: RE: Yellow Fever Vaccination for Zambia/South Africa

Dear Madam,

During the past two years, WHO has reassess the risk of Yellow Fever (YF) and the recommendations for YF vaccination. These have been published last month in the WHO's International Travel and Health (ITH) 2011 edition book (<http://www.who.int/ith>), see in particular the Annex1 <http://www.who.int/ith/chapters/ith2011annexs.pdf>, the country list

<http://www.who.int/ith/chapters/ith2011countrylist.pdf> and the Africa map
http://gamapserver.who.int/mapLibrary/Files/Maps/ITH_YF_vaccination_africa.png

In ITH 2011, the United Republic of Tanzania is considered at no risk of YF. Zambia has been considered at no risk of YF already for many years. YF vaccination is generally not recommended but might be considered for a small subset of travellers who are travelling for a long time in these areas while being exposed to heavy mosquitoes bites.

With best regards,

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