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Country requirements for an International Certificate of Vaccination or Prophylaxis (ICVP): key changes for 2018

TravelHealthPro has been updated to reflect updates to yellow fever recommendations and certificate requirements

On 3 July 2018, the World Health Organization (WHO) published the list of yellow fever vaccination requirements and recommendations for 2018. This information is published each year following consultation between the WHO and State Parties, who are asked to confirm or update their requirements for international travellers [1, 2].

Our [Country Information pages](#) have been updated to reflect these changes.

Key changes to look out for in the 2018 lists include:

- A requirement for an International Certificate of Vaccination or Prophylaxis (ICVP), where no previous requirement existed
- Removal of requirement for an ICVP
- Changes relating to transit through a risk country
- Changes to the lower age at which an ICVP is required

The main changes (not exhaustive) are given in the following table:

2018 ITH Update	Countries affected
Changes to lower age limit at which ICVP required	Afghanistan Brunei Burundi Caribbean Islands (Bonaire, Curacao) India Lesotho Liberia St. Lucia Trinidad and Tobago Zambia
ICVP no longer a mandatory requirement	French Guiana Liberia Suriname
ICVP now a mandatory requirement	Cameroon Chad South Sudan Uganda
ICVP requirements where previously there were none	Nicaragua Caribbean Island (Aruba)
No longer any ICVP requirements	Caribbean Island (Saba) Kazakhstan Vietnam

Changes relating to transit through a risk country El Salvador
Paraguay
Swaziland
Thailand
Trinidad and Tobago
Venezuela

New risk area Ecuador (Esmeraldas province)

Although some information is available, we are seeking clarification on the requirements and recommendations for Ecuador, Brazil and Colombia; further updates to these and other countries will be made as soon as information is forthcoming. Until that time, [health professionals may wish to contact the advice line](#).

References

1. [World Health Organization, Country list, International Travel and Health. 14 June 2018. Published 4 July 2018](#)
2. [World Health Organization, Annex 1, International Travel and Health dated 14 June 2018. published 4 July 2018](#)