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*Smallpox Vaccination Certificate Requirements  
Travel*

A LIST OF THE COUNTRIES SHOWING THE STATUS  
OF SMALLPOX VACCINATION CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVELLERS AND OBLIGATORY ROUTINE  
SMALLPOX VACCINATION ACCORDING TO NATIONAL HEALTH LEGISLATION <sup>a</sup>

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The information given is based on that available on 31 October 1978. Unfortunately the practice at an international airport or other point of entry to a country does not always correspond with the information provided by the National Health Administration to WHO.

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STATUS OF OBLIGATORY ROUTINE SMALLPOX VACCINATION AND SMALLPOX VACCINATION CERTIFICATE (SVC)  
REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVELLERS

NN	COUNTRY/TERRITORY (OR AREA)	STATUS OF SVC REQUIREMENTS IN:			OBLIGATORY ROUTINE VACCINATION		REMARKS
		1976	1977	1978	STATUS	YEAR OF REFERENCE	
1	AFGHANISTAN	○	○ → ●	●	-	1978	
2	ALBANIA	○	○	○	+	1971	
3	ALGERIA	○ → ●	●	●	+	1971	
4	AMERICAN SAMOA	○ → ●	●	●	+	1971	
5	ANGOLA	○	○	○	+	1971	
6	ANTIGUA	○	○ → ●	●	+	1978	
7	ARGENTINA	○	○ → ●	●	+	1978	Is presently considering abandoning spx. vaccination
8	AUSTRIA	●	●	●	-	1978	Suspended on 24.3.77 for 1977, 1978
9	AUSTRALIA	●	●	●	-	1978	
10	BAHAMAS	●	●	●	+	1978	
11	BAHRAIN	○ → ●	●	●	-	1978	
12	BANGLADESH	○	○	○	+	1978	
13	BARBADOS	○ → ●	●	●	+	1978	
14	BELGIUM	●	●	●	-	1976	Suspended on 14.6.76
15	BELIZE	○	○	○	+	1978	
16	BENIN	○	○	○	+	1971	
17	BERMUDA	○ → ●	●	●	+	1978	
18	BHUTAN	NK	NK	NK	+	1978	
19	BOLIVIA	○	○	○	+	1978	
20	BOTSWANA	○	○	○	+	1978	
21	BRAZIL	○	○	○	+	1978	
22	BRUNEI	○	○	○	+	1971	

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23	BULGARIA	○ → ●	●	●	+	1971	
24	BURMA	○ → ●	●	●	+	1978	
25	BURUNDI	○	○	○	+	1971	
26	CANADA	●	●	●	-	1978	Suspended in 1971
27	CANAL ZONE	○ → ●	●	●	+	1978	
28	CANARY ISLANDS	●	●	●	NK		
29	CAPE VERDE	○ → ●	●	●	-	1971	
30	CAYMAN ISLANDS	○	○	○	+	1978	
31	CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE	○	○	○	+	1971	
32	CHAD	○	○	○	+	1971	
33	CHANNEL ISLANDS	NK	NK	NK	-	1971	
34	CHILE	○ → ●	●	●	-	1978	Suspended on 17.1.78
35	CHINA	○	○	○	+	1973	
36	CHRISTMAS ISLAND	○ → ●	●	●	NK		
37	COLOMBIA	○	○ → ●	●	+	1978	
38	COMOROS	○	○	○	+	1971	
39	CONGO	○	○	○	+	1971	
40	COOK ISLANDS	○	○ → ●	●	-	1971	
41	COSTA RICA	○ → ●	●	●	+	1978	
42	CUBA	●	●	●	+	1978	
43	CYPRUS	○ → ●	●	●	-	1978	
44	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	○	○ → ●	●	+	1971	
45	DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA	○	○	○	+	1971	

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46	DENMARK	○ → ⊙	⊙	⊙	-	1976	Suspended on 12.5.76 by Law Order N.204
47	DEMOCRATIC YEMEN	○ → ⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1978	
48	DJIBOUTI	○	○	○	+	1978	
49	DOMINICA	○ → ⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1978	
50	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1978	
51	EAST TIMOR	○	○	○	NK		
52	ECUADOR	○ → ⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1978	
53	EGYPT	○	○	○	+	1978	
54	EL SALVADOR	○ → ⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1978	
55	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	○	○	○	+	1971	
56	ETHIOPIA	○	○	○	+	1978	
57	FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS)	○ → ⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1978	
58	FAROE ISLANDS	○	○ → ⊙	⊙	+	1971	
59	FIJI	○ → ⊙	⊙	⊙	-	1975	
60	FINLAND	⊙	⊙	⊙	-	1977	Suspended in 1977
61	FRANCE	⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1978	
62	FRENCH GUYANA	○ → ⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1971	
63	FRENCH POLYNESIA	○ → ⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1971	
64	GABON	○	○ → ⊙	⊙	+	1971	
65	GAMBIA	○	○ → ⊙	⊙	-	1971	
66	GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC	⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1976	
67	GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF	⊙	⊙	⊙	-	1976	Suspended on 18.5.76

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68	GHANA	○ → ⊙	⊙	⊙	-	1971	
69	GILBERT ISLANDS	○ → ⊙	⊙	⊙	-	1971	
70	GIBRALTAR	⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1971	
71	GREECE	○ → ⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1971	
72	GREENLAND	○ → ⊙	⊙	⊙	NK		
73	GRENADA	○	○	○	+	1978	
74	GUAM	⊙	⊙	⊙	-	1976	
75	GUADELOUPE	⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1978	
76	GUATEMALA	○ → ⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1978	
77	GUINEA	○	○	○	+	1971	
78	GUINEA-BISSAU	○	○ → ⊙	⊙	+	1971	
79	GUYANA	○	○ → ⊙	⊙	+	1978	
80	HAITI	○	○	○	+	1978	
81	HONDURAS	○ → ⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1978	
82	HONG KONG	○ → ⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1975	
83	HUNGARY	○ → ⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1971	
84	ICELAND	○	○	○	+	1971	
85	INDIA	○ → ⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1978	
86	INDONESIA	○	○	○	+	1978	
87	IRAN	○	○	○	+	1978	
88	IRAQ	○	○	○	+	1978	
89	IRELAND	⊙	⊙	⊙	-	1972	Suspended in October 1972
90	ISLE OF MAN	⊙	⊙	⊙	-	1971	
91	ISRAEL	⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1978	
92	ITALY	⊙	⊙	⊙	-	1978	Suspended in May 1978

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93	IVORY COAST	○	○	○	+	1971	
94	JAMAICA	○ → ⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1978	
95	JAPAN	○	○ → ⊙	⊙	-	1976	
96	JORDAN	○	○ → ⊙	⊙	+	1978	
97	KENYA	○	○	○	+	1971	
98	KUWAIT	○	○	○	+	1978	
99	KOREA, PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REP.	○	○	○	+	1971	
100	LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC	○	○	○	-	1977	Abandoned in 1976
101	LEBANON	○	○ → ⊙	⊙	-	1978	
102	LESOTHO	○	○	○	+	1971	
103	LIBERIA	○	○ → ⊙	⊙	+	1978	
104	LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA	○	○	○	+	1978	
105	LIECHTENSTEIN	⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1971	
106	LUXEMBOURG	⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1976	
107	MACAO	○	○ → ⊙	⊙	+	1975	
108	MADAGASCAR	○	○	○	+	1977	
109	MALAWI	○ → ⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1977	
110	MALAYSIA	○	○ → ⊙	⊙	+	1975	
111	MALDIVES	○	○	○	+	1978	
112	MALI	○	○	○	+	1971	
113	MALTA	⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1971	
114	MARTINIQUE	⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1978	
115	MAURITANIA	○	○	○	+	1971	
116	MAURITIUS	○	○ → ⊙	⊙	+	1977	

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117	MEXICO	○	○	→ ⊙	+	1978	
118	MONACO	NK	NK	⊙	+	1971	
119	MONGOLIA	○	○	○	+	1978	
120	MONTERRAT ISLAND	○	→ ⊙	⊙	+	1978	
121	MOROCCO	⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1971	
122	MOZAMBIQUE	○	○	○	+	1977	
123	NAMIBIA	○	○	○	+	1971	
124	NAURU ISLAND	○	→ ⊙	⊙	-	1971	
125	NEPAL	○	○	○	+	1978	
126	NETHERLANDS	⊙	⊙	⊙	-	1975	Suspended on 5.11.75
127	NETHERLANDS ANTILLES	⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1978	
128	NEW CALEDONIA	○	→ ⊙	⊙	+	1976	
129	NEW HEBRIDES	○	→ ⊙	⊙	-	1977	
130	NEW ZEALAND	⊙	⊙	⊙	-	1977	
131	NICARAGUA	○	○	○	-	1978	
132	NIGER	○	○	○	+	1971	
133	NIGERIA	○	○	○	+	1971	
134	NIUE ISLAND	NK	→ ⊙	⊙	-	1971	
135	NORWAY	○	→ ⊙	⊙	-	1976	Suspended on 11.5.76
136	OMAN	○	○	○	+	1978	
137	PACIFIC ISLANDS TRUST TERRITORY	○	→ ⊙	⊙	-	1975	

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138	PAKISTAN	⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1978	
139	PANAMA	○ → ⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1978	
140	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	○	○	○	-	1975	
141	PARAGUAY	○ → ⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1978	
142	PERU	○	○ → ⊙	⊙	+	1978	
143	PHILIPPINES	○	○	○	-	1977	
144	PITCAIRN ISLAND	○ → ⊙	⊙	⊙	NK		
145	POLAND	○ → ⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1976	
146	PORTUGAL	⊙	⊙	⊙	-	1977	Suspended on 7.1.77
147	PUERTO RICO	⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1978	
148	QATAR	○	○	○	+	1978	
149	REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH)	○	○	○	+	1975	
150	REUNION ISLAND	⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1977	
151	ROMANIA	○	○	○	+	1971	
152	RWANDA	○ → ⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1971	
153	ST. HELENA	○	○ → ⊙	⊙	+	1971	
154	ST. KITTS/NEVIS	○	○ → ⊙	⊙	+	1978	
155	ST. LUCIA	○	○ → ⊙	⊙	+	1978	
156	ST. PIERRE/ MIQUELON	⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1971	
157	ST. VINCENT	○	○	○	+	1978	
158	SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE	○	○	○	+	1971	
159	SAUDI ARABIA	○ → ⊙*	⊙*	⊙*	+	1978	

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160	SENEGAL	○ → ⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1971	
161	SEYCHELLES	○	○	○	+	1971	
162	SIERRA LEONE	○	○	○	+	1976	
163	SINGAPORE	○	○ → ⊙	⊙	+	1975	
164	SOLOMON ISLANDS	○ → ⊙	⊙	⊙	-	1975	
165	SOMALIA	○	○	⊙	+	1978	
166	SOUTH AFRICA	○	○	○	+	1971	
167	SOUTHERN RHODESIA	○	○	○	+	1977	
168	SPAIN	⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1971	
169	SRI LANKA	○	○	○	+	1978	
170	SUDAN	○	○	○	+	1978	
171	SURINAM	○ → ⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1978	
172	SWAZILAND	○ → ⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1978	
173	SWEDEN	⊙	⊙	⊙	-	1976	Suspended on 9.12.76
174	SWITZERLAND	⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1978	In some cantons
175	SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	○	○	○	+	1978	
176	THAILAND	○ → ⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1978	
177	TOGO	○	○	○	+	1971	
178	TONGA	○	○ → ⊙	⊙	-	1975	
179	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1978	
180	TUNISIA	⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1978	
181	TURKEY	⊙	⊙	⊙	+	1971	
182	UGANDA	○	○	○	+	1978	

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183	USSR	○ → ●	●	●	+	1978	
184	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	○	○	○	-	1977	
185	UNITED KINGDOM	●	●	●	-	1971	Suspended in 1971
186	UNITED REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON	○	○	○	+	1971	
187	UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA	○ → ●	●	●	+	1977	
188	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	○	○	NR*	-	1971	Suspended in 1971
189	UPPER VOLTA	○	○	○	+	1976	
190	URUGUAY	○	○ → ●	●	+	1978	
191	VENEZUELA	○	○ → ●	●	+	1978	
192	VIET NAM, SOCIALIST REP. OF	○	○	○	+	1976	
193	VIRGIN ISLANDS	●	●	●	+	1978	
194	WAKE ISLAND	●	●	●	NK		
195	WESTERN SAMOA	○	○ → ●	●	-	1976	
196	YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC	○	○ → ●	●	+	1978	
197	YUGOSLAVIA	●	●	●	-	1978	Suspended in 1978
198	ZAIRE	○	○	○	+	1976	
199	ZAMBIA	○ → ●	●	●	+	1977	

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As smallpox vaccination certificate requirements and national health legislation on routine smallpox vaccination are rapidly changing the Smallpox Eradication Unit periodically updates information on these regulations. This information will be useful in developing future recommendations on smallpox vaccination policy, both before and after global smallpox eradication is certified.

Smallpox vaccination certificate requirements

In 1976 the Twenty-ninth World Health Assembly, in resolution WHA29.54, urged, *inter alia*, all governments to restrict their requests for smallpox vaccination certificates to travellers who, within the preceding fourteen days, had visited a smallpox-infected country as reflected in the Weekly Epidemiological Record.

Based on official information sent to WHO for publication in "Vaccination Certificate Requirements for International Travel" for 1978, 69 countries (or areas) out of a total of 199 countries (or areas) require a smallpox vaccination certificate from all arrivals, and 128 require a certificate from arrivals from countries (or areas) in which there are smallpox-infected regions (see Table 1 and Figure 1). <sup>c</sup> However, these 128 countries, in effect, do not require smallpox vaccination certificates as there are no smallpox infected areas in the world at the present time. A list showing the status of smallpox vaccination certificate requirements for international travellers and obligatory routine smallpox vaccination according to national health legislation is available from the Smallpox Eradication Unit, Geneva.

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TABLE 1 STATUS OF SMALLPOX VACCINATION CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

	Y E A R		
	1976	1977	1978
Number of countries requiring smallpox vaccination certificates from all arrivals	153	100	69
Number of countries requiring smallpox vaccination certificates from arrivals from infected countries (or areas)	42	96	128
Not known	4	3	2
Total	199	199	199

Routine smallpox vaccination

In the report of the Consultation on Worldwide Certification of Smallpox Eradication held in Geneva from 11 - 13 October 1977, it is stated that vaccination policy between the present time and final certification should be determined by each government depending on its own assessment of risks and benefits. Subject to this, it is the opinion of the Consultation that routine vaccination is clearly indicated only in countries in Africa and Asia where smallpox has been endemic during the last few years, and in those at specific epidemiological risk. When global eradication is certified, termination of vaccination will be recommended.

According to information available at WHO Headquarters, routine smallpox vaccination is no longer obligatory in 44 countries, following appropriate changes in national health legislation (see Table 2 and Figure 2).

TABLE 2 LIST OF COUNTRIES WHERE ROUTINE SMALLPOX VACCINATION IS NOT OBLIGATORY

Country	Year of Reference	Country	Year of Reference
Afghanistan	1978	Lao People's Democratic Republic	1977
Austria	1978	Lebanon	1978
Australia	1978	Nauru Island	1971
Bahrain	1978	Netherlands	1975
Belgium	1976	New Hebrides	1977
Canada	1978	New Zealand	1977
Cape Verde	1971	Nicaragua	1978
Channel Islands	1971	Niue Island	1971
Chile	1978	Norway	1976
Cook Islands	1971	Pacific Islands Trust Territory	1975
Cyprus	1978	Papua New Guinea	1975
Denmark	1976	Philippines	1977
Fiji	1975	Portugal	1977
Finland	1977	Solomon Islands	1975
Gambia	1977	Sweden	1976
Germany, Federal Republic of	1977	Tonga	1975
Ghana	1971	United Arab Emirates	1977
Gilbert Islands	1971	United Kingdom	1978
Guam	1976	United States of America	1978
Ireland	1972	Western Samoa	1976
Isle of Man	1971	Yugoslavia	1978
Italy	1978		
Japan	1976		

FIG. 1

STATUS OF SMALLPOX VACCINATION CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVELLERS, 1978



Fig. 2 COUNTRIES WHERE ROUTINE SMALLPOX VACCINATION IS NOT OBLIGATORY

