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MEMORANDUM

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DATE : March 23, 2017

SUBJECT: **Yellow fever surveillance – Travellers arriving in Trinidad and Tobago**

1. With reference to the subject as captioned and to the document entitled “Trinidad and Tobago: Requirements for yellow fever vaccination amongst travellers”, kindly note that stakeholders at the Piarco International Airport, including the Immigration Division of the Ministry of National Security, have been advised on the enforcement of these requirements with effect from March 22, 2017.
2. In this regard, Immigration Officers would be verifying that travellers arriving from Brazil, the Plurinational state of Bolivia, Peru, Colombia, Ecuador and Suriname possess a valid International Certificate of Vaccination against yellow fever.
3. Immigration Officers have been trained in the use of a decision tool to guide this verification process. A copy of this decision tool is attached for your information. Your attention is drawn to travellers categorised within the yellow colored box – “Traveller is to be placed under



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surveillance for symptoms of yellow fever". Travellers categorised as such would be directed to the Port Health Office at the Piarco International Airport where relevant information would be documented onto a listing to facilitate the necessary surveillance. A copy of the template for this listing of travellers for yellow fever surveillance is attached for your information. Your attention is also drawn to the following as support for the categorisation and application of surveillance:

- a. Page 2 of the document titled: Trinidad and Tobago: Requirements for yellow fever vaccination amongst travellers, defining a traveller as a "natural person undertaking an international voyage". This includes passengers and crew.
 - b. Pages 6 – 12 of the document titled: Trinidad and Tobago: Requirements for yellow fever vaccination amongst travellers, detailing an International Certificate of Vaccination against yellow fever is valid:
 - i. 10 days has post administration of the yellow fever vaccine, and;
 - ii. If the Certificate is signed by a clinician, and;
 - iii. If the Certificate bears the official stamp of the administering centre.
 - c. Page 11 of the document titled: Trinidad and Tobago: Requirements for yellow fever vaccination amongst travellers –
 - i. Updated Annex 7 of the International Health Regulations (2005) paragraph 2(h) states that travellers who do not possess a valid International Certificate of Vaccination may be "quarantined until the certificate becomes valid, or until a period of not more than 6 days, reckoned from the date of last possible exposure to infection, has elapsed, whichever occur first".
 - d. The Quarantine Act of Trinidad and Tobago Chapter, 28:05, which defines "surveillance" to mean "that persons are not detained, that they may move about freely, but that they are required to report for medical examination at such intervals and during such period and to such persons as may be directed by a Health Officer". A copy of the Quarantine Act is attached for your information.
4. The Port Health Office at Piarco International Airport would submit this listing to the Surveillance Unit at the Office of the CMOH St. George East and Insect Vector Control Division, Cunupia daily. The Surveillance Unit at the Office of the CMOH St. George East would subsequently disaggregate the list of travellers to the counties they report as residing in, during their stay in Trinidad and Tobago.



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5. In accordance with 3 a, b, c, and d above, travellers would subsequently require surveillance for 6 days post arrival in Trinidad and Tobago. The "Yellow Fever Surveillance – Traveller Consultation Form" is to be used to conduct this surveillance. A copy of this form is attached. This form is designed to serve as both a guide for conducting the initial consultation with the traveller as well as the surveillance record for the 6-day period.

Respectfully,

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