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Tanzania Tourist Board,
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RE: CLARIFICATION ON THE REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAVELLERS TRAVELLING TO EAST AFRICA INCLUDING TANZANIA TO HOLD A VALID VACCINATION CARD CERTIFICATE.

Please, refer your letter with the reference **MA.175/184/01** dated 01 June 2016.

Yellow fever is a serious disease that is monitored internationally and therefore classified by the International Health Regulations (IHR), 2005 as Public Health Emergence of International Concern (PHEIC). All PHEIC require specific monitoring procedures and measures that commensurate with and restricted to public health measures to meet the IHR, 2005 purpose.

Tanzania is mapped as a low risk country because no Yellow fever virus has been isolated in the country. However, the abundance of Yellow fever vector and other favorable ecological conditions pose potential risk for Yellow fever if the virus is introduced in to the country. The country is also surrounded by six high risk yellow fever endemic countries.

In order to conform to IHR, 2005 requirement and safeguard public health security in Tanzania, Yellow fever vaccination is mandatory to travellers arriving from Yellow fever endemic countries. This condition also applies to travellers subjected to long flight connection (transit) in Yellow fever endemic country for twelve hours (12hrs) or more.

Failure to produce a valid Yellow Fever vaccination certificate to those eligible may lead to refusal of entry, or vaccinated and kept under close observation for not more than 10 days. The cost of Yellow fever vaccination is 50 USD for foreigners and 20,000 Tsh for residents and East African Community members.

In view of the fact above, the Ministry is requesting you to inform the Hotel Association of Tanzania about the requirements for travelers staying in the country more than 12 hours and position of Yellow Fever vaccination in Tanzania. Attached is WHO statement position concerning Yellow Fever vaccination for further reference.

Thank you for your collaboration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Khalid Massa'.

Dr. Khalid Massa
For: Permanent Secretary