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All Tour Operators, Zanzibar

**RE: CLARIFICATION ON REQUIREMENTS FOR YELLOW FEVER
VACCINATION IN ZANZIBAR**

Please refer to the above mentioned heading

There have been misleading information in recent days on requirements of Yellow fever vaccination for travelers, particularly from Germany interring Zanzibar or those crossing from Mainland to Zanzibar.

With this letter, kindly be advised that our regulations remains clear that, **only travelers from endemic countries or those who transit and stayed for more than 12 hours in the endemic countries will require vaccination against yellow fever when entering Zanzibar.**

Travelers from Germany and other European countries as not endemic for yellow fever are therefore, not obliged to be vaccinated before entering Zanzibar.

However, all the travelers are advised to take necessary precautions to avoid mosquito bites to prevent themselves from any mosquito borne disease.

Attached here with, please find an official Government statement on Yellow fever vaccination requirements in Zanzibar and other documents based on International Health Regulations (IHR2005), Annex 7 and the Zanzibar Public Health Act no 11 of 2012, Part VI. Section 84, subsection 1 to 3.

It's my hope that, this clarification will clear the doubt and facilitate traveling procedures from German to Zanzibar

Kind Regards

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REQUIREMENTS FOR YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION FOR TRAVELLERS ENTERING ZANZIBAR

To Whom It May Concern

According to according to the International Health Regulations (IHR2005) Annex 7, Yellow fever vaccination remains to be mandatory for all International travelers from Yellow Fever Endemic Countries as an entry condition.

With the above said regulations and the Zanzibar Public Health Act no 11 of 2012 Part V1. Section 84, subsection 1to 3, Yellow fever guidance for Zanzibar is as follow:

1. **All travelers arriving from yellow fever endemic countries** shall be vaccinated against yellow fever and show the proof of vaccination on arrival at the point of entries.
2. **Travelers arriving from non-endemic countries but transited to endemic countries for 12 hours of more out of the airport vicinity** will be subjected to vaccination.
3. Travelers arrived in Zanzibar without proof of vaccination will be vaccinated at the point of entries on their own cost.
4. **Travelers arriving from non-endemic countries will not be subjected to vaccination but is advised to be vaccinated for their health safety.**
5. **Travelers arrived from any port in Tanzania Mainland** will not be subjected to Vaccination when entering in Zanzibar but will undergo screening for verification at the point of entries.

For the list of Yellow fever endemic countries see WHO list at www.who.int

Regards,

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Stellungnahme der Tansanischen Botschaft in Berlin
CLARIFICATION ON YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION FOR
GERMANY TRAVELLERS ENTERING ZANZIBAR.

There have been inquiries on the requirements for Yellow Fever Vaccination for travellers from Germany entering Zanzibar. To clarify this matter, it is advised to refer to conditions put forward by Zanzibar Government for travellers arriving Zanzibar. The conditions are as follows;

1. All travellers arriving from yellow fever endemic countries shall be required to present their proof of yellow fever vaccination on arrival at any point of entry to Zanzibar.
2. Travellers arriving from yellow fever non-endemic countries but transited through endemic countries for at least 12 hours outside airport vicinity will be required to present a proof of yellow fever vaccination.
3. Travellers who fail to present a proof of yellow fever vaccination as mentioned in 1 and 2 above shall be vaccinated at the points of entry at their own costs.
4. Travellers arriving from yellow fever non-endemic countries and have not transited to any endemic country shall not be required to present a proof of yellow fever vaccination, although all travellers are advised to be vaccinated for their health safety.
5. Travellers arriving Zanzibar from Tanzania mainland will be subjected to checks outlined in 1 and 2 above.

Given the conditions, travellers from Germany (a yellow fever non-endemic country) arriving Zanzibar directly without passing through another yellow fever endemic country, shall not be required to present a proof of yellow fever vaccination at the point of entry. In this regard it is advised that travellers from Germany determine the countries they pass through before entering Zanzibar. Determination of yellow fever endemic countries falls in the mandate of World Health Organization (WHO). Travellers are advised to visit the most up to date WHO list of countries considered to be Yellow Fever Endemic.