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Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Directorate General of Health Services
Central IH Division

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi Dated the 29th March 2023

OFFICE ORDER

In continuation to Office Order No. L-21021/5/2022-PH(H) dated 06th June'2022, 10th March 2023 on a uniform card design, unique codes for the visiting Indians or travellers getting vaccination in the authorised YFV Centres in India for Yellow Fever Endemic Countries and issuing of Duplicate cards whose stamping is done for validity of 10 years as per the earlier requirement till 2017 was considered by Dte.GHS.

As in many countries, seamen are being asked to take a new vaccination with Lifetime validity, such passengers hide the fact of the earlier vaccination and register for new vaccination or they request for Life of the person vaccinated certificate. As per the order issued from Dte.GHS and as per WHO notification all old certificates are automatically valid for lifetime and no amendment is required. The majority of the countries are accepting it however some countries cause hurdles and difficulties to the passengers.

The YFV Centres are hereby permitted to issue Duplicate cards to the certificate with 10 years validity. The new card issued to have the running serial number mentioning as "Duplicate".

- a. YFV cards issued from your centres are to be verified from your records and can issue a new certificate with "life of the person vaccinated" having all details of the original vaccination.
- b. For cards issued from any other Dte.GHS authorised YFV Centres:
 - i. Ensure the authenticity of the 10 years validity certificate from the centre who issued the original card with scanned copy of register and vaccination details.
 - ii. This duplicate card has to be issued only after approval/confirmation from the Central IH Division via email.

The old cards are to be taken back by the centre and a copy of the old and new card to be scanned and sent to CIHD (<u>cihd.dghs-mohfw@gov.in</u>) for records on fortnightly basis. The monthly report must reflect the data of duplicate cards issued.

This is issued with approval of the DGHS.

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To:

Yellow Fever Vaccination Centres (List Attached).

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