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YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE US AFRICA COMMAND (USAFRICOM) THEATER (MODIFICATION 2 - EXCEPTION FOR ASCENSION ISLAND)

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REF/A/INSTRUCTION/USAFRICOM/27 JAN 2017//
REF/B/MESSAGE/USAFRICOM/170850ZJUL2017//
REF/C/REGULATION/WHO/11 JUL 2016//
REF/D/REPORT/CDC/19 JUN 2015//

NARR/(U)REF A IS COMMANDER USAFRICOM INSTRUCTION (ACI) 4200.09 FOR FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS AND MEDICAL GUIDANCE FOR ENTRY INTO THE U.S. AFRICA COMMAND THEATER. REF B IS USAFRICOM'S MESSAGE REGARDING YELLOW FEVER VACCINE SHORTAGE AND VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE US AFRICA COMMAND (USAFRICOM) THEATER (MODIFICATION 1 - REMOVAL OF 10-YEAR BOOSTER AND EXCEPTION FOR MOROCCO, TUNISIA, AND COMOROS). REF C IS WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION'S (WHO) INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS. REF D IS THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION'S (CDC) MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY WEEKLY REPORT VOL 64 NO 23.//

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GENTEXT/NOTIFICATION//

1. (U) ACI 4200.09 (REF A) ENCLOSURE B, 1.k.(a) REQUIRES VALID YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION (YF-VAX) WITHIN THE PAST 10 YEARS FOR ENTRY TO THE USAFRICOM THEATER FOR ALL DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) PERSONNEL FOR BOTH LEISURE AND OFFICIAL TRAVEL.//

1.A. (U) THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) HAS ELIMINATED THE 10-YEAR REQUIREMENT FOR YF-VAX, AND AS OF 11 JUL 2016 THE INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATION NOW RECOGNIZES LIFETIME VALIDITY OF YF-VAX (REF C).//

1.B. (U) DUE TO MANUFACTURING ISSUES, PRODUCTION OF YELLOW FEVER VACCINE (YF-VAX) HAS CEASED AND MAY NOT RESUME UNTIL LATE-2018. DOD CURRENTLY HAS SUFFICIENT YF-VAX SUPPLIES ON HAND TO MEET USAFRICOM REQUIREMENTS.//

1.C. (U) THE USAFRICOM REQUIREMENT PER REF A IS AMENDED TO NO LONGER REQUIRE A BOOSTER VACCINATION EVERY 10 YEARS. PERSONNEL SHOULD STILL RECEIVE A BOOSTER EVERY 10 YEARS IF CLINICALLY INDICATED IAW REF D.//

1.D. (U) YF-VAX MUST BE ADMINISTERED AT LEAST 10 DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL TO AFRICA, IAW REF A. VACCINATION MUST BE DOCUMENTED ON CDC 731, INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE FOR VACCINATION OR PROPHYLAXIS (YELLOW SHOT RECORD), WITH AN OFFICIAL YELLOW FEVER CERTIFICATE STAMP.//

2. (U) EXCEPTIONS.//

2.A. (U) ONLY THREE COUNTRIES WITHIN THE USAFRICOM AOR HAVE NO YF-VAX ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND NO ENDEMIC RISK OF YELLOW FEVER: COMOROS, MOROCCO, AND TUNISIA.//

2.B. (U) EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, DOD PERSONNEL TRAVELING TO COMOROS, MOROCCO, AND TUNISIA ARE EXEMPT FROM THE YF-VAX REQUIREMENT FOR BOTH LEISURE AND OFFICIAL TRAVEL.//

2.C. (U) ASCENSION ISLAND HAS NO ENDEMIC YELLOW FEVER RISK AND NO YF-VAX ENTRY REQUIREMENT UNLESS TRAVELING FROM A COUNTRY WITH RISK OF YELLOW FEVER TRANSMISSION.

2.C.1. (U) DOD PERSONNEL TRAVELING DIRECTLY FROM THE CONTINENTAL U.S. (CONUS) TO ASCENSION ISLAND AND BACK ARE EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENT FOR YF-VAX.

2.C.2. (U) DOD PERSONNEL TRAVELING FROM ANY LOCATION OUTSIDE OF CONUS TO ASCENSION ISLAND SHALL RECEIVE YF-VAX AS A SINGLE LIFETIME DOSE.

2.D. (U) DOD PERSONNEL TRAVELING TO ALL OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE USAFRICOM AOR, REGARDLESS OF THE PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF ENDEMIC

YELLOW FEVER, REQUIRE A SINGLE LIFETIME DOSE OF YF-VAX, TO ENSURE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND COMPLIANCE WITH ADMINISTRATIVE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS.//

3. (U) DEPENDENTS, RETIREES, AND OTHER DOD BENEFICIARIES TRAVELING TO THE USAFRICOM THEATER SHOULD FOLLOW AMERICAN COUNCIL OF IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES AND CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS AS CLINICALLY INDICATED (REF D).//

4. (U) THE IMPORTANCE OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE MEASURES AS DETAILED IN REF A, CANNOT BE OVEREMPHASIZED.//

5. (U) THIS GUIDANCE SUPERCEDES PRIOR GUIDANCE ON YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION (REF B)//

6. (U) POINTS OF CONTACT.//

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6.B. (U) FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION GROUP ORGANIZATIONAL MAILBOX: AFRICOM.STUTTGART.ACSG.MBX.J004-FORCE-HEALTH-PROTECTION@MAIL.MIL.//

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7. (U) THIS GENADMIN APPROVED FOR RELEASE BY [REDACTED] USAFRICOM COMMAND SURGEON, J004.//