Update on WHO EURO activities on points of entry

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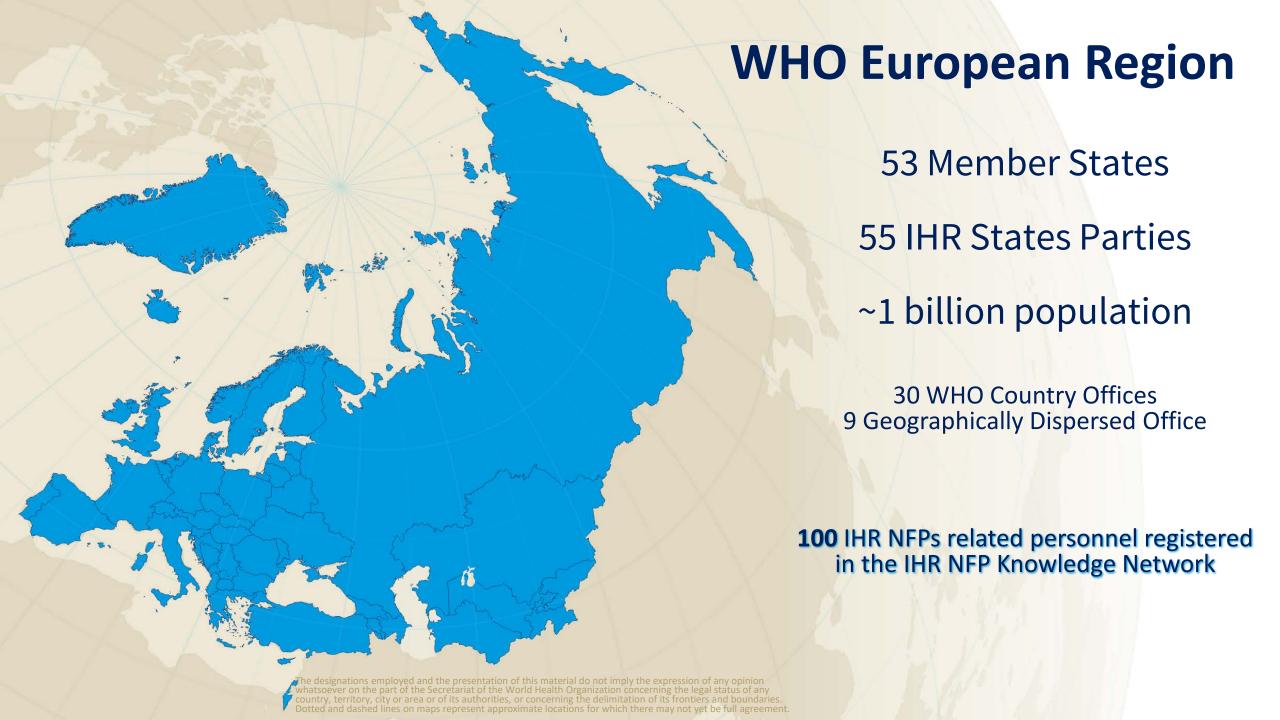


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Outline

- Update on relevant global and regional frameworks
 - Strategy and Action Plan -Health emergency preparedness, response and resilience in the WHO European Region 2024–2029: Preparedness 2.0
 - Targeted amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHR) (2005)
- Overview of WHO EURO support activities on points of entry

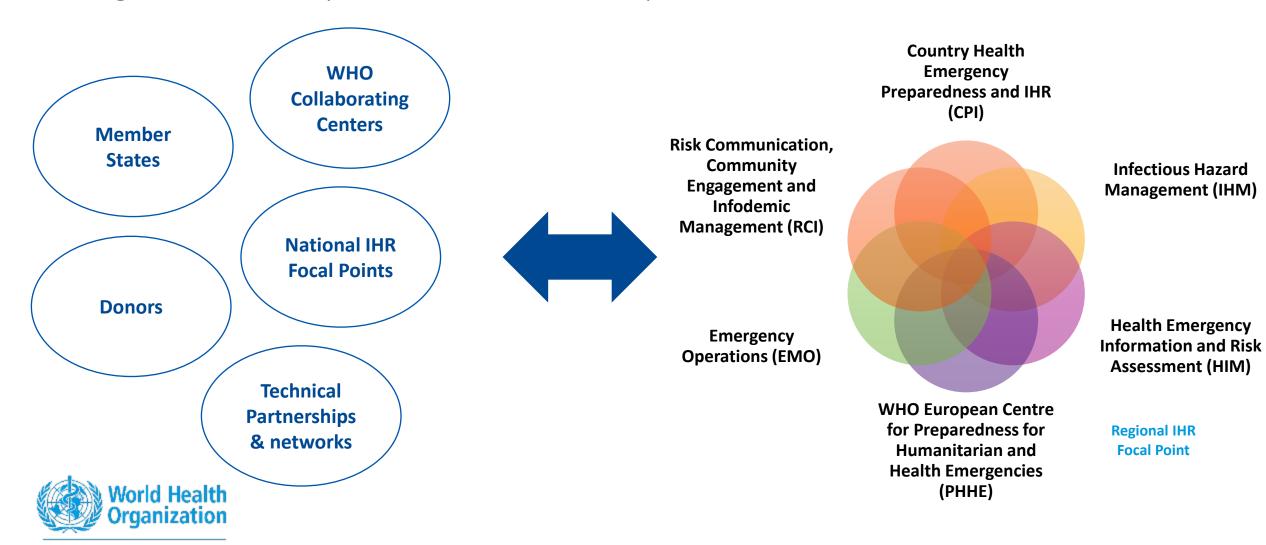




WHO/Europe Health Emergencies Programme

European Region

Working collaboratively with Member States, partners and networks



74th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe

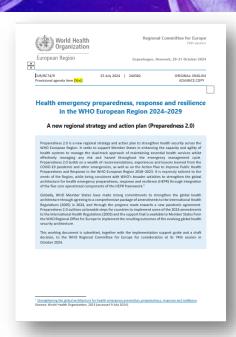


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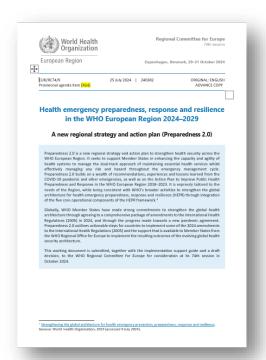
29–31 October 2024, Copenhagen, Denmark



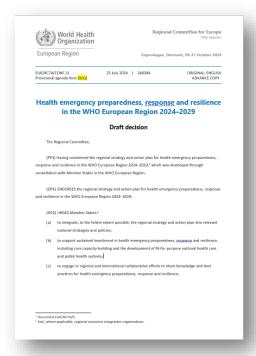


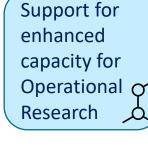


Preparedness 2.0: Strategy and Action plan on Health emergency preparedness, response and resilience in the WHO European Region 2024-2029



ction plan on health emergency preparedness, response and resilience in t legion 2024–2029 (document EUR/RC74/9). It provides a range of tools, framew





Leadership & Governance (Fellowship)

WHO EURO Risk mapping/tool

Preparedness 2.0 **Implementation** Support Package

Preparedness 2.0 Strategy & Action Plan

European Region



Implementation Support Guide

Draft Decision

Seventy-fourth Regional Committee for Europe: Copenhagen, 29–31 October 2024: health emergency preparedness, response and resilience in the WHO European Region 2024–2029: a new regional strategy and action plan (Preparedness 2.0)

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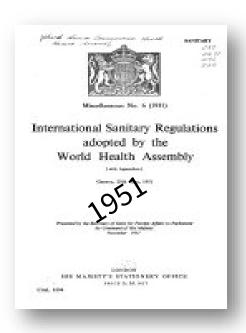
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Targeted amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHR) (2005) – implications for air transport

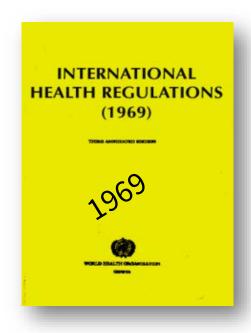


International Health Regulations (IHR) (2005)

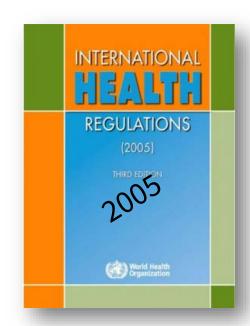
A legally binding agreement among 196 States Parties, **under Article 21(a) of WHO Constitution** to address "sanitary and quarantine requirements and other procedures designed to prevent the international spread of disease."



Revision →



Amended: 1973, 1981



Revision →

Amended: 2014, 2022, **2024**



Chronology of 2024 amendments, 26 Jan 2022 – 1 June 2024







By 30 Sept 2022

European Region

 Submission by States Parties of proposed amendments to the IHR

6 Oct 2022 - 15 Jan 2023

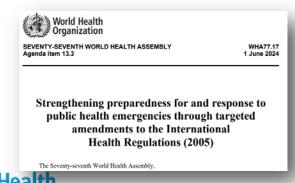
 IHR Review Committee regarding amendments to the IHR

14 Nov 2022 - 24 May 2024

 WGIHR - Working Group on Amendments to the IHR

29 May - 1 June 2024

 Drafting Group established by Committee A of 77th WHA



1 June 2024

Resolution WHA77.17 adopting the amendments (<u>link</u>)

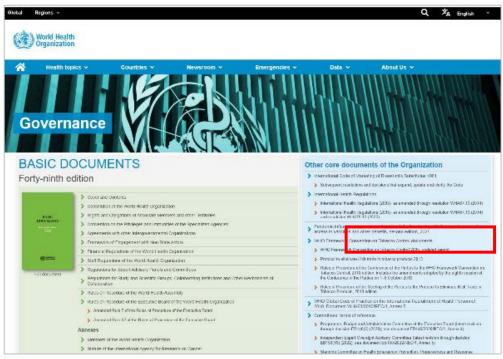


Summary of 2024 amendments

Amended articles/annexes	Key new elements
28 of 66 existing articles, with 3 new definitions under Art. 1	Establishment of a National IHR Authority (Art. 1 and 4)
6 of 9 existing annexes	Determination and definition of " pandemic emergency " (Art. 1 and 12, etc.)
2 new articles	 Commitment to solidarity and equity Strengthening access to relevant health products (Art. 13 and 44) Establishment of Coordinating Financial Mechanism (Art. 44 bis)
	Use of non-digital and digital health documents (Art. 35 and Annex 6)
	Establishment of a States Parties Committee for the Implementation of IHR (Art. 54 bis)



Publication of current IHR text(s), and update of web sites/pages







https://iris.who.int/handle/10665/246107



Geneva, 21 June 2024

World Health Organization

https://apps.who.int/gb/bd/pdf files/IHR 2022-en.pdf



Relevant amendments to air transport

Articles 19 (Points of entry – general obligations), 20 (Airports and ports) and 21 (Ground crossings)
 Alignment of terminology "core capacities"

Article 24 (Conveyance operator)

Ensure that measures taken by conveyances are in line with those recommended by WHO and States Parties, on board, during embarkation and disembarkation

Article 27 (Affected conveyances)

Addition of quarantine (alongside isolation) as potential additional health measures applied to conveyances to prevent the spread of disease

Article 35 (Health documents – general rule)

Health documents in digital or non-digital format. Development of ad-hoc WHO guidance on health documents digitally and non-digitally issued



Relevant amendments to air transport

Article 43 (Additional health measures)

Role of the DG to facilitate consultation among States Parties regarding the scientific information and public health rationale of additional health measures

Annex 1 (Core capacities)

Addition of arrangements by PoEs with local laboratories for the analysis of samples (annex 1B)

No changes made to the Health Part of the Aircraft General Declaration (annex 9, IHR (2005))



ANNEX 9

THIS DOCUMENT IS PART OF THE AIRCRAFT GENERAL DECLARATION, PROMULGATED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

HEALTH PART OF THE AIRCRAFT GENERAL DECLARATION¹

Declaration of Health

Name and seat number or function of persons on board with illnesses other than airsickness or the effects of accidents, who may be suffering from a communicable disease (a fever - temperature 38°C/100 °F or greater - associated with one or more of the following signs or symptoms, e.g appearing obviously unwell; persistent coughing; impaired breathing; persistent diarrhoea; persistent vomiting; skin rash; bruising or bleeding without previous injury; or confusion of recent onset increases the likelihood that the person is suffering a communicable disease) as well as such cases of illness disembarked during a previous stop
Details of each disinsecting or sanitary treatment (place, date, time, method) during the flight. If no disinsecting has been carried out during the flight, give details of most recent disinsecting
Signature, if required, with time and date

Crew member concerned

Steps leading to the entry into force of the 2024 amendments

Notification by DG to States Parties

Art. 59

 19 September 2024: notification of 2024 amendments sent to States Parties by the Director General of WHO

Expression of reservations / rejections by States Parties

Art. 59

- 10 months for 192 States Parties (until 19 July 2025)
- 18 months for IRN, NET, NZL, SVK (until 19 March 2026)

Entry into force of the amendments

Art. 59

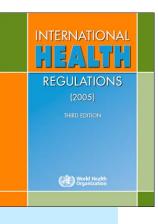
- 12 months for 192 States Parties (on 19 September 2025)
- 24 months for IRN, NET, NZL, SVK (on 19 September 2026)



Next steps and required actions by WHO for the implementation of the 2024 amendments

	Actions	Time frame
Development of explanatory material for internal distribution and further external use		Developed: - "Travaux Préparatoires" - Two-pager - Q&A
• F	Review of existing WHO technical documents for alignment with 2024 amendments	by July 2025
	Development of ad hoc technical documents related to 2024 amendments and resolution WHA77.17 (2024) for dissemination	by Sept/Oct 2025
	- National IHR Authorities	
	- Pandemic emergency and conduct of business of the Emergency Committee	
	- Health documents digitally and non-digitally issued	
	- States Parties Committee for the Implementation of the IHR (2005)	
	- Coordinating Financial Mechanism	
	- Annex 2	
	- Risk assessment approach re PHEICs, incl. pandemic emergencies (in consultation with Member States, WHA77.17 (2024))	
	Update/development of IT platforms to accommodate 2024 amendments (EMS, EIS, IHR Contact database, e-SPAR, Global Digital Health Certification Network)	by Sept/Oct 2025
Handling of reservations and rejections of 2024 amendments		Jun/Jul 2025, and Feb/Mar 2026
• F	Publication of IHR text with 2024 amendments and 4th Edition of IHR (2005)	by Dec 2025

Designation of points of entry (POE) under the IHR (2005)



- 3 types of POE: airport, port, ground crossing
- Airports and ports (article 20): "States
 Parties shall designate the airports and
 ports that shall develop the capacities
 provided in Annex 1"
- Ground crossings (article 21): "Where justified for public health reasons, a State Party may designate ground crossings that shall develop the capacities provided in

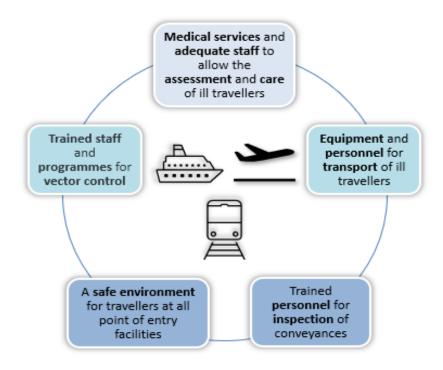
Criteria for designation:

- 1) Population density in and around the POE
- 2) Epidemiological situation in around the POE
- 3) Volume and frequency of international traffic
- 4) Multimodal transportation
- 5) Public health risks in the place of origin and transit of international traffic
- 6) Existing capacities and facilities to manage public health risks at the POE
- 7) Joint designation of POE with neighboring country



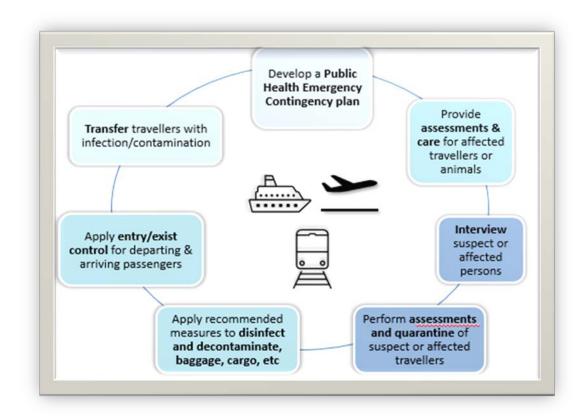
IHR Core capacity requirements at designated PoE

At all times (routine)





In response to a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC)



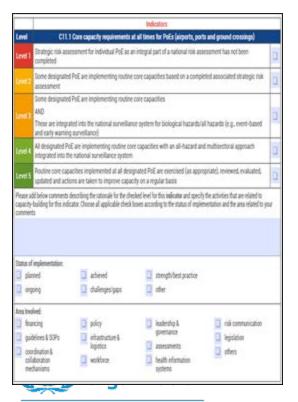
Reference: Articles 19, 20 and 21, and Annex 1B (IHR 2005)

Update of PoE indicators under the IHR (2005) M&E

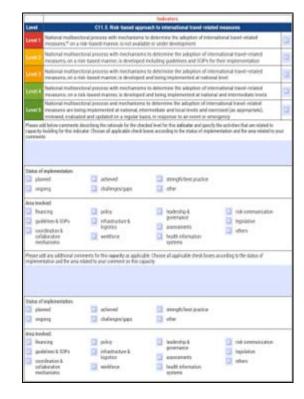
SPAR indicator 1: Core capacity requirements at all times for POEs

SPAR indicator 2: Public health response at POEs

SPAR indicator 3 – A risk based approach to international travel related measures (Indicator agreed in 2021)







SPAR indicator 3

National process to determine the adoption of international travel-related measures that is:

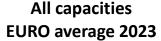
- --Multisectoral
- -- Takes into account a risk-based approach to the implication of such measures
- --Includes guidelines and SOPs for implementation
- --Is developed and implemented at national, intermediate and local levels
- --Is exercised, reviewed, evaluated and updated regularly

WHO EURO 2023 SPAR overview

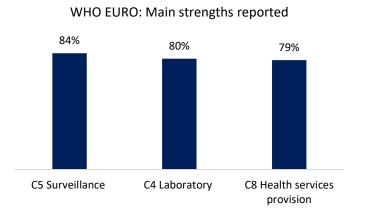
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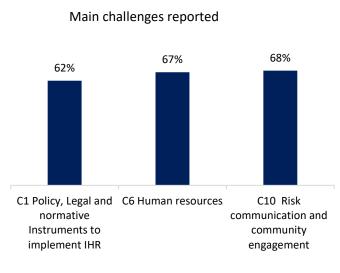
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Focal Point





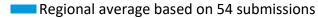




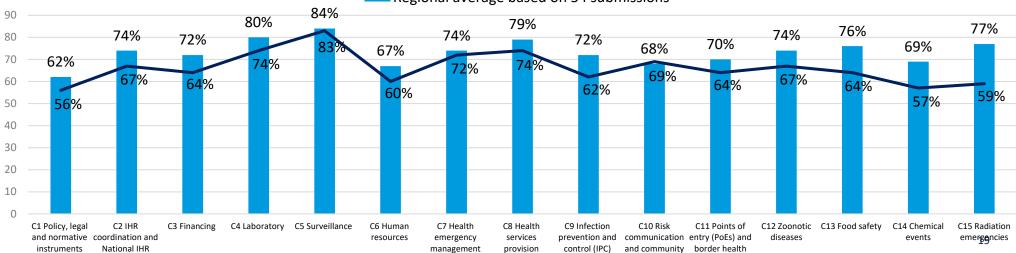
IHR designated points of entry		
Ports	233	
Airports	241	
Ground crossings	225	
Number of States Parties reporting authorized ports to issue ship sanitation certificates (SSC)	40	

All capacities Global average 2023

IHR Core capacity average reported in 2023







engagement

(RCCE)

WHO EURO SPAR 2023 – Points of entry (PoEs) and border health

70%

Average capacity reported under area 11, Points of Entry (PoEs) and Border Health

699

Total number of designated Points of Entry (PoEs) were reported in 2023 81%

PoEs reported to have a public health emergency contingency plan

71%

PoEs reported to have a programme for vector surveillance and control

233



Designated ports were reported in 2023

241



Designated airports were reported in 2023

225

Designated ground crossings were reported in 2023

40



States Parties reported authorized ports to issue ship sanitation certificates (SSC)



JEE in the WHO European Region

Completed JEEs (25)

- 1. Albania, 2016
- 2. Armenia, 2016
- 3. Belgium, 2017
- 4. Finland, 2017
- 5. Kyrgyzstan, 2016
- 6. Latvia, 2017
- 7. Liechtenstein, 2017
- 8. Slovenia, 2017
- 9. Switzerland, 2017
- 10. Turkmenistan, 2016
- 11. Republic of Moldova, 2018
- 12. Serbia, 2018
- 13. Lithuania, 2018
- 14. North Macedonia, 2019

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- 15. Montenegro, 2019
- 16. Georgia, 2019
- 17. Tajikistan, 2019
- 18. Germany, 2019
- 19. Ukraine, 2021
- 20. Uzbekistan, 2022
- 21. Azerbaijan, 2023
- 22. Kyrgyzstan, 2023
- 23. Estonia, 2023
- 24. Armenia, 2023
- 25. Georgia, 2024



- Tajikistan
- Netherlands (JEE/PHEPA)



122 countries +13 in the pipeline

WHO EURO approach to strengthening Points of entry capacities



WHO EURO approach to supporting PoE capacity strengthening

IHR MEF activities relating to PoE such as SPAR, JEE, IAR/AAR

Contingency Plan & SOPs Development & SimEx to test functionality of the plan

Support in conducting PoE assessment and developing PoE Action plan to improve the capacity

Risk-assessment decision making on international travel measures & as well travel advice



Support capacity building of designated PoEs

Risk-based RCCE- IM packages for the PoEs (travelers, community and staff at PoEs)

Country-Specific Technical Support

- HR Mapping for PoE
- Digital applications for travel measures
- PoE Surveillance
- Assessments & Trainings for PoE staff
- Develop ToRs for establishing PoE competent authority

Recent examples of Border health support activities in the WHO European Region

- Sub-regional & national trainings on the use of the WHO Assessment tool for core capacity requirements at designated points of entry including for airports Kazakhstan, June 2023
- Sub-regional workshops on border health and cross-border collaboration-Greece, November 2023
- National IHR Focal Point Trainings (twice a year)
- Joint Assessment and Detection of Event (JADE) Functional Exercises
- Support for points of entry designation upon request
- Sub-regional and national trainings & TOT on ship sanitation certificates







Support to decision-making and monitoring of Public Health and Social Measures in

response to health emergencies

- Comprehensive database of PHSM response to COVID-19, including including international travel measures implemented at airports by EURO Member States (33k entries, 5k on travel and trade measures)
- International travel measures shared with IHRNFPs via WHO restricted platform for public health emergencies (Event Information Site, EIS)
- Published: WHO guidance on monitoring of PHSM, including international travel measures implemented at airports, in response to health emergencies.
- Ongoing: Development of global PHSM Policy monitoring platform, including data collection of PHSM measures implemented at airports.
- Ongoing: The PHSM Bibliographic Library, first in the series of three interconnected tools of the PHSM Knowledge Hub. A dynamic database of global, multidisciplinary PHSM research which is continuously curated and updated by automated feeds and experts.









Regional Meeting of National IHR Focal Points

September 2024 Sofia, Bulgaria



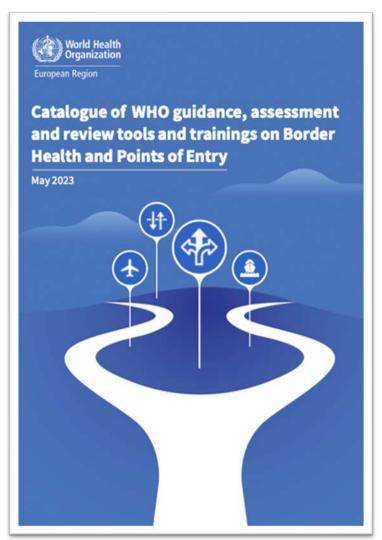


Catalogue of WHO guidance, assessment tools and trainings on Border Health and Points of Entry, including airports

- 1. WHO guidance
 - 1. All PoE
 - 2. Specific for airports and air transport, ground crossings and seaports and sea transport
- 2. Assessment and review tools
- 3. Trainings
 - 1. WHO online trainings for PoE & Border Health
 - 2. Face-to-Face trainings



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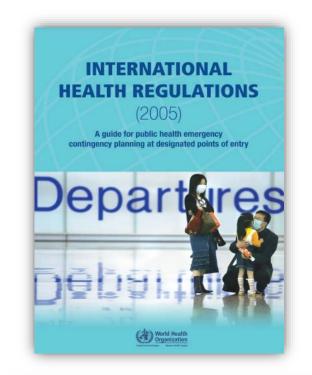


Opportunities for improving coordination between aviation and public health authorities

- Coordination needed between aviation and public health authorities to address gaps in public health emergency contingency planning
 - Joint training of personnel required for implementation of the public health emergency contingency plans
 - Joint simulation exercises to test functionality of public health emergency contingency plans and coordination between all stakeholders
 - Joint workshops to develop public health emergency contingency plans where unavailable
 - Joint development of SOPs for management of specific public health events in aviation
 - Joint trainings on assessment of public health capacities at airports in line with the IHR



WHO-ICAO MoU

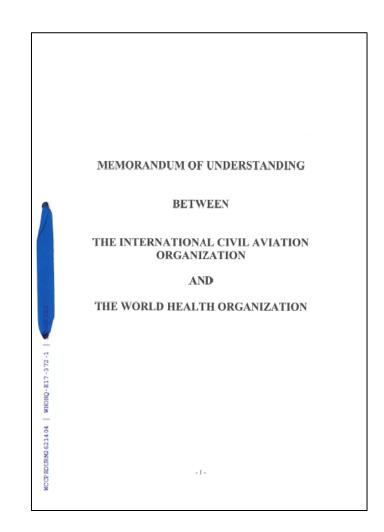




WHO-ICAO Memorandum of Understanding

- **Signed by the Director Generals** of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in **November 2022**.
- Provides a **framework of cooperation and understanding** to facilitate collaboration between the two organizations in the following areas:
 - 1. Provision of **evidence-informed and risk-based advice** on policy and technical matters related to civil aviation and public health during the preparedness and response to health emergencies.
 - Joint advocacy and risk communication efforts on risk-based approaches to international travel in the context of health emergencies.
 - 3. Share **information and tools** to facilitate **technical cooperation and risk assessment** efforts in the areas of public health and civil aviation.
- A **joint workplan** is under development to facilitate and monitor the implementation of this MoU.





Thank you!

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