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YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

The country is currently having a limited supply of yellow fever vaccines.

It is therefore hereby advised that all South Africans who arrive, having travelled to or through high risk areas and return without valid vaccination certificates should be allowed in as per section 4.2 of the Yellow Fever Guideline of 2010 and be kept under close telephonic surveillance for not longer than 6 days. They should be advised to immediately report any symptoms within this time period.

The symptoms include a sudden onset of fever, headache backache nausea vomiting and jaundice. In very severe cases there may be nosebleeds, vomiting of blood and in stools. The clinical symptoms may be confused with other viral infections. Therefore, confirmation of the presence of yellow fever virus is critical.

Awareness of yellow fever signs and symptoms amongst persons receiving travellers and health professionals is essential in identifying and controlling yellow fever outbreaks.

The above problem may be solved by end August 2011.

Kind regards

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