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HEALTH INFORMATION FOR OVERSEAS TRAVEL

Summary

1. 'Health Information for Overseas Travel' is a new publication which contains country by country information on health risks on immunisation, malaria prophylaxis and other preventative measures plus general health advice for travellers.

Action

2. A supply of the publication will issue shortly and Health Boards are requested to send a copy to every GP practice and Occupational Health Service in order that every GP practice nurse, occupational health nurse and health visitor can have the opportunity to see the publication.

3. Further information is provided on the attached sheet.

Yours sincerely

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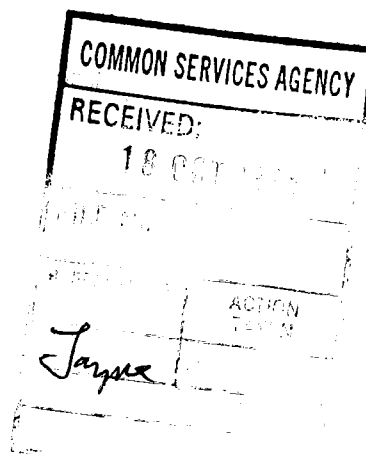
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Further Information

1. 'Health Information for Overseas Travel' has been developed because of the marked increase in travel abroad by UK citizens and the increasing complexity in travel related medical issues, about which advice may be sought. Relevant information has been extracted from the publication 'Immunisation against Infectious Disease' and expanded to form this stand alone companion volume, which will be updated every 2 years.
2. Although the information contained in this new publication was correct at the time of printing, it is inevitable that it will become dated by the next revision in 2 years' time. Hence, there will be a need to consult an up to the minute source of travel medicine information such as TRAVAX (a computer database maintained by the Scottish Centre for Infection and Environmental Health (SCIEH) when advising individual travellers. In addition to the information provided in this publication, and on TRAVAX, appropriate specialist advice should be sought on the protection of individual patients with complex clinical circumstances, from either a local clinician or from SCIEH.
3. The new book is mainly for guidance purposes and is primarily intended for the use of professionals with responsibilities in this area of public health and primary care. A limited distribution of free copies is being provided to GP practices and consultants in public health medicine.