

International Health Regulations (IHR)

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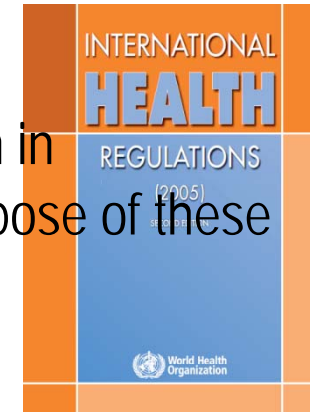




International Health Regulations (IHR)

- WHO Member States recognized need to collectively respond to public health emergencies of international concern
- An Intergovernmental Working Group tasked with the revision of the IHR(1969) in 2004
- WHO Member States adopted the current IHR during the 58th World Health Assembly in 2005 with Resolution WHA58.3
- Current IHR entered into force on 15 June 2007
- A legal tool: describes procedures, rights and legal obligations for 195 States Parties and WHO
- Legal framework requested, developed and negotiated by WHO Member States - based on dialogue, transparency and trust
- State's commitment - beyond the health sector
- 10 Parts, 66 Articles, and 9 Annexes
- Not a new technical discipline (...*existing*...) – an **opportunity**





Article 3 - Principles

4. **States** have the **sovereign** right to legislate and to implement legislation in pursuance of their **health policies**. In doing so they should uphold the purpose of these Regulations

Article 57 - Relationship with other international agreements

1. States Parties recognize that the **IHR and other relevant international agreements** should be interpreted so as to be **compatible**. The provisions of the IHR shall not affect the rights and obligations of any State Party deriving from other international agreements

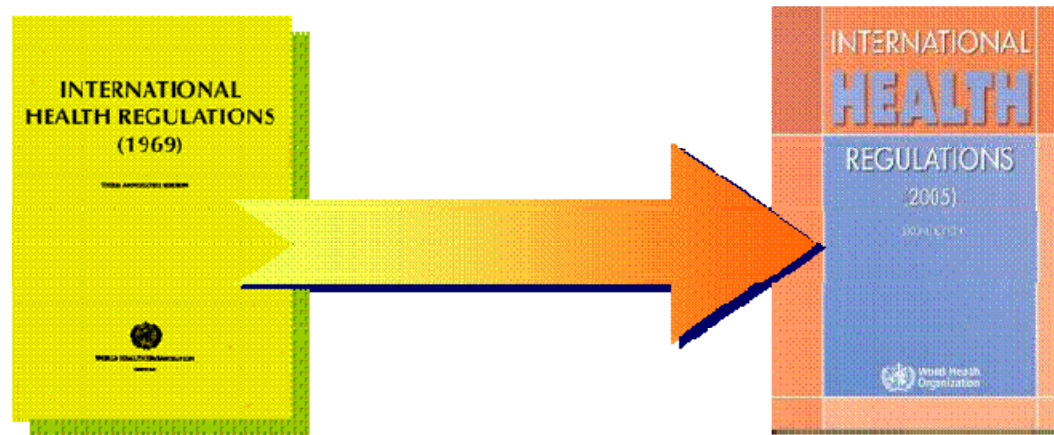
3. Without prejudice to their obligations under these Regulations, States Parties that are members of a **regional economic integration organization** shall apply in their mutual relations the common rules in force in that regional economic integration organization

Resolution WHA58.3 (preface to the text)

[...] the other competent intergovernmental organizations or international bodies with which **WHO** is expected to **cooperate** and coordinate its activities, as appropriate, include the following: [...] **International Maritime Organization** [...]

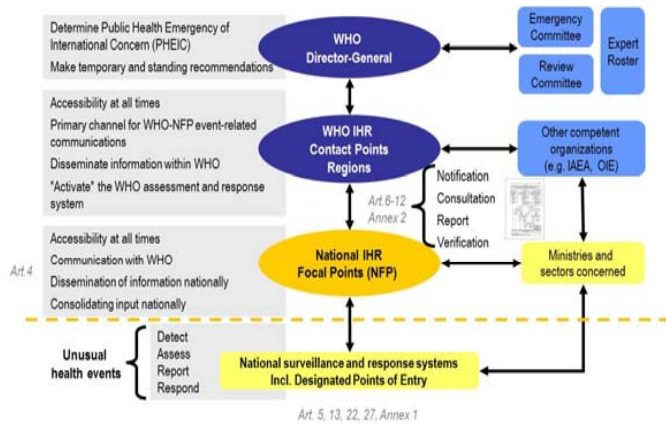
Article 2 - Purpose and scope of the IHR

...to **prevent**, protect against, control and provide a public health response to the international **spread** of disease in ways that are **commensurate** with and restricted to **public health risks**, and which **avoid unnecessary interference** with international traffic and trade.



- From three diseases to all public health hazards, irrespective of origin or source
- From preset measures to adapted response
- From control of borders to containment at source

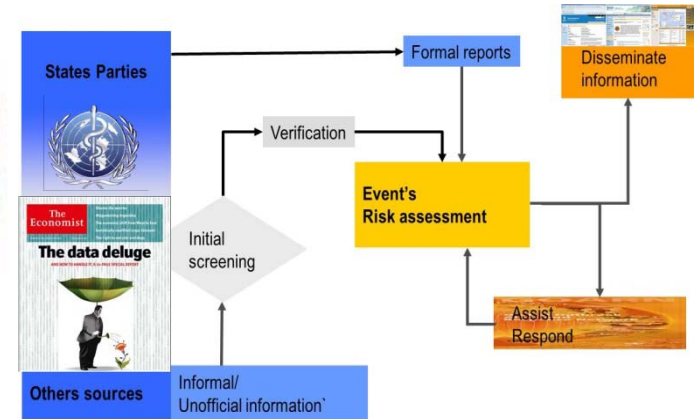
IHR operational framework



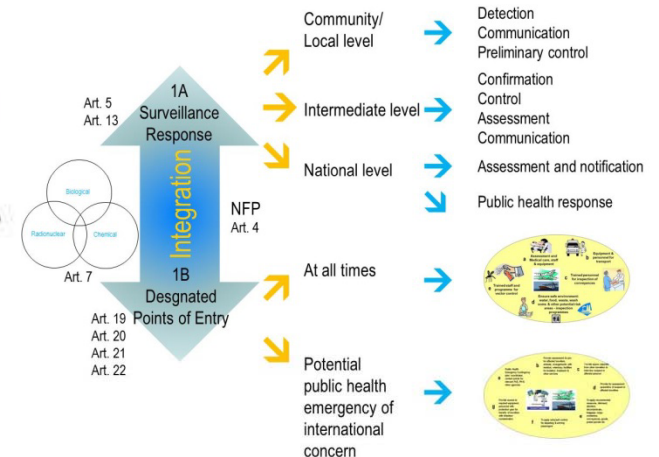
Administrative procedures



Global alert and response system



National core capacities





Article 1 - Definitions

“**point of entry**” means a passage for international entry or exit of travellers, baggage, cargo, containers, conveyances, goods and postal parcels as well as agencies and areas providing services to them on entry or exit;

- “**airport**” means any airport where international flights arrive or depart
- “**port**” means a seaport or a port on an inland body of water where ships on an international voyage arrive or depart
- “**ground crossing**” means a point of land entry in a State Party, including one utilized by road vehicles and trains



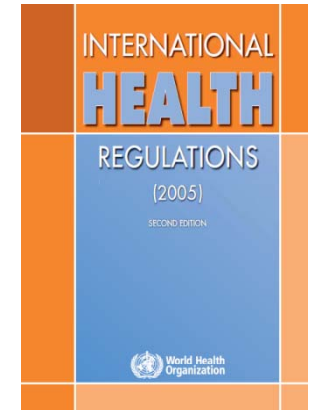
The **IHR is a tools** that should assist in keeping

- Ships sailing and ports operating
- Aircrafts flying and airports operating
- Ground transport running and ground crossings operating

In a **safe manner** and in the **respect of individuals**

Part IV - Points of Entry

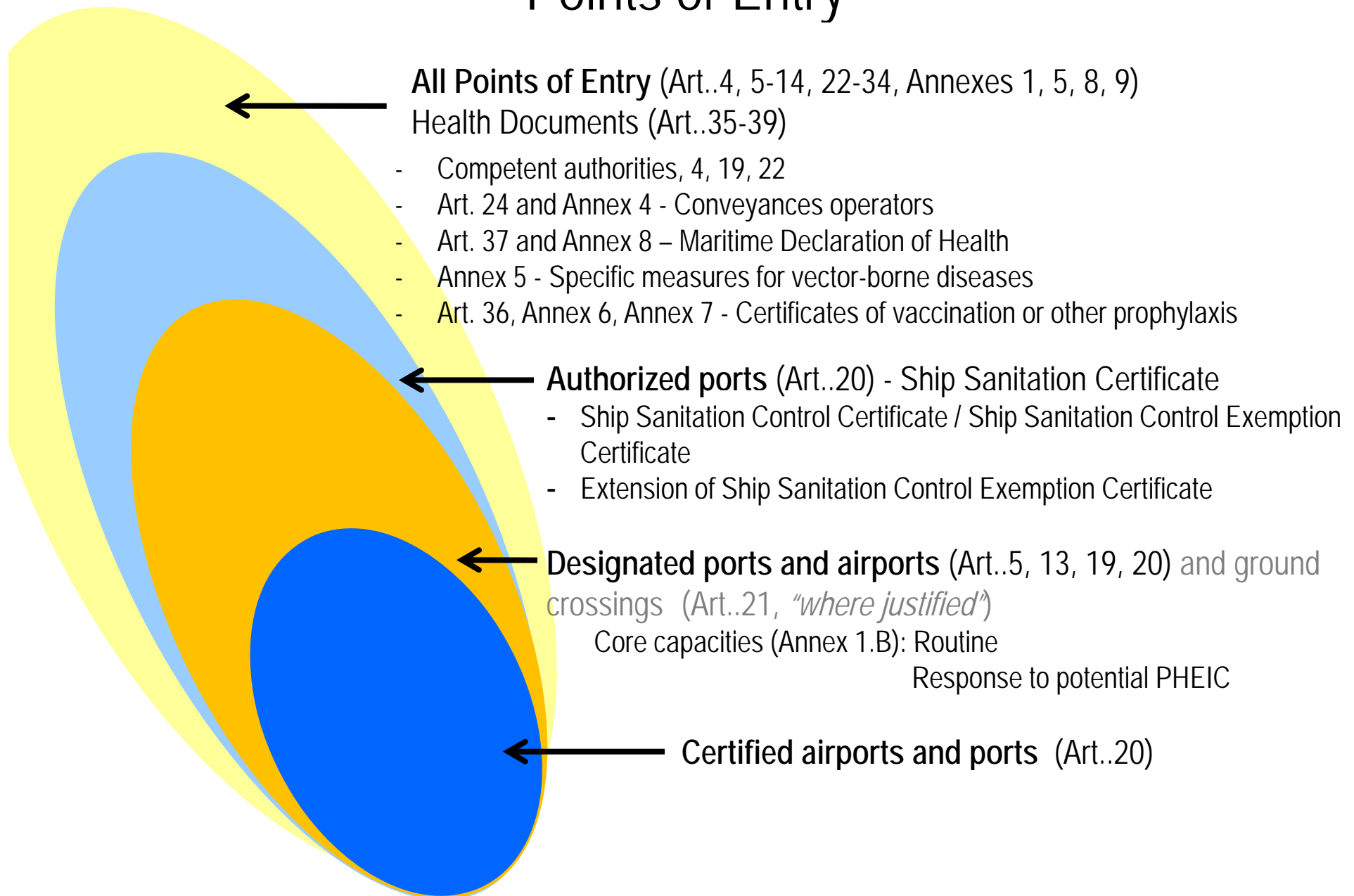
Article 19 - General obligations



Each State Party shall, **in addition to the other obligations** provided for under these Regulations:

- (a) ensure that the **capacities** set forth in **Annex 1** for **designated points of entry** (*Art. 20 and 21*) are developed within the timeframe provided in paragraph 1 of Article 5 and paragraph 1 of Article 13;
- (b) identify the **competent authorities at each designated point of entry** in its territory [*Art. 1 - Definitions: "competent authority" means an authority responsible for the implementation and application of health measures under these Regulations; "health measure" does not include law enforcement or security measures*]; and
- (c) **furnish to WHO**, as far as practicable, when requested **in response to a specific potential public health risk**, relevant data concerning sources of infection or contamination, including vectors and reservoirs, at its points of entry, which could result in international disease spread.

Points of Entry



Article 22 - Role of competent authorities (at Points of Entry)

1.(a)...**monitoring** baggage, cargo, containers, conveyances, goods, postal parcels and human remains...**free of sources of infection or contamination**, including vectors and reservoirs;

1.(b)...**facilities used by travellers** ...maintained in a sanitary condition and are kept free of sources of infection or contamination...

1.(c)...**supervision** of any deratting, disinfection, disinsection or decontamination of baggage, cargo, containers, conveyances, goods, postal parcels and human remains or sanitary **measures** for persons...

1.(d) **advise conveyance operators**..., in advance...of their intent to apply control measures to a conveyance...written information concerning methods...

1.(e)...**supervision** of the **removal** and safe **disposal** of any contaminated...matter from a conveyance

1.(f) ...**monitor** and control the discharge by ships of **sewage**, refuse, ballast water and other potentially disease-causing matter which might contaminate the waters...

1.(g)...**supervision of service providers for services** concerning travellers, baggage, cargo, containers, conveyances, goods, postal parcels and human remains at points of entry, including the conduct of inspections and medical examinations as necessary

1.(h) have effective **contingency arrangements** to deal with an unexpected public health event...

1.(i) **communicate with the National IHR Focal Point** on the relevant **public health measures** taken pursuant to these Regulations

Article 1 - Definitions

"free pratique" ...permission for a ship to enter a port, embark or disembark, discharge or load cargo or stores...

Article 28 - Ships and aircraft at points of entry

1. ...a ship or an aircraft shall not be prevented for public health reasons from calling at any point of entry. However...
2. ...ships or aircraft shall not be refused *free pratique* by States Parties for public health reasons...States Parties may subject the granting of *free pratique* to inspection...
3. Whenever practicable...a State Party shall authorize the **granting of *free pratique*** by radio...
4. **Officers in command of ships** or pilots in command of aircraft, **or their agents**, shall **make known to the port** or airport control as early as possible **before arrival** at the port or airport of destination any cases of **illness** indicative of a disease of an **infectious** nature or evidence of a **public health risk** on board...

Article 20 - Airports and ports

Authorized Ports

2. States Parties shall ensure that Ship Sanitation Control Exemption Certificates and Ship Sanitation Control Certificates are issued in accordance with the requirements in Article 39 and the model provided in Annex 3

3. Each State Party shall send to WHO a list of ports authorized to offer:

- (a) the issuance of Ship Sanitation Control Certificates and the provision of the services referred to in Annexes 1 and 3; or
- (b) the issuance of Ship Sanitation Control Exemption Certificates only; and
- (c) extension of the Ship Sanitation Control Exemption Certificate for a period of one month until the arrival of the ship in the port at which the Certificate may be received.

Each State Party shall inform WHO of any changes which may occur to the status of the listed ports. WHO shall publish the information received under this paragraph

Name	Code	SSCC	SSCEC	Extension	Other Information
Alghanistan					
Sherkhan Bandar		[x]	[x]	[x]	
Antigua and Barbuda					
Antigua (Falmouth Harbour at St.Pauls)	AGANU	[x]	[x]	[x]	
St.Johns	AGSJO	[x]	[x]	[x]	
Argentina					
Bahía Blanca	ARBHI	[x]	[x]	[x]	
Barranqueras	ARBOS	[x]	[x]	[x]	
Buenos Aires	ARBUE	[x]	[x]	[x]	
Caleta Olivia	ARCVI	[x]	[x]	[x]	
Campana	ARCMP	[x]	[x]	[x]	
Charata	ARCNT	[x]	[x]	[x]	
Clorinda	ARCLX	[x]	[x]	[x]	
Colón	ARCOL	[x]	[x]	[x]	
Comodoro Rivadavia	ARCRD	[x]	[x]	[x]	
Concepción del Uruguay	ARCOU	[x]	[x]	[x]	
Concordia	ARCOC	[x]	[x]	[x]	
Corrientes	ARCNQ	[x]	[x]	[x]	
Del Guazú	ARDGU	[x]	[x]	[x]	
Deseado	ARPUD	[x]	[x]	[x]	
Diamante	ARDME	[x]	[x]	[x]	
Formosa	ARFMA	[x]	[x]	[x]	
Gualeguay	ARGHU	[x]	[x]	[x]	
Ibicuy	ARIBY	[x]	[x]	[x]	
Iguazú	ARIGR	[x]	[x]	[x]	
La Paz	ARLPA	[x]	[x]	[x]	
La Plata	ARLPG	[x]	[x]	[x]	

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As of 6 May 2014, 484 authorized ports in 27 States Parties in the Americas
http://www.who.int/ihr/ports_airports/ihr_authorized_ports_list.pdf

Authorized Ports to issue Ship Sanitation Certificates

Handbook for Inspection of
Ships and Issuance of
Ship Sanitation Certificates



International Health Regulations (2005)

Guide
to Ship
Sanitation

Third Edition



International
Medical
Guide for
Ships

3rd edition



World Health
Organization

WHO IHR Training

LOGIN JOIN

THE INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS

TRAINING SITE!

TUTORIAL FOR NOTIFICATION ASSESSMENT UNDER THE IHR (2005)
Main target: Staff of National IHR Focal Points
Release: August 2013
Duration: 30 minutes

SHIP SANITATION INSPECTION AND ISSUANCE OF SHIP SANITATION CERTIFICATE LEARNING PROGRAM
Target: Inspectors working at ports that are authorized to issue Ship Sanitation Certificate
Release: March 2013
Components: e-learning (available in English, Spanish, Arabic, French, Russian, Portuguese) and face-to-face

INTRODUCTION TO THE IHR (part 1 & 2)
Target: National officers and other professionals (except WHO staff)
Release: February 2009
Duration: 45 minutes each part

Click here to get instructions for applying to the learning program

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SHIP SANITATION INSPECTION AND
ISSUANCE OF SHIP SANITATION
CERTIFICATE LEARNING PROGRAMME

CONTENT AREAS

April 2014

Developed and maintained by WHO for Global Capacities, Alert and Response Department
Support to IHR Capacity Assessment, Development & Maintenance coordination

Ports, Airports and Ground Crossing team
&
Learning solutions and Training Support team

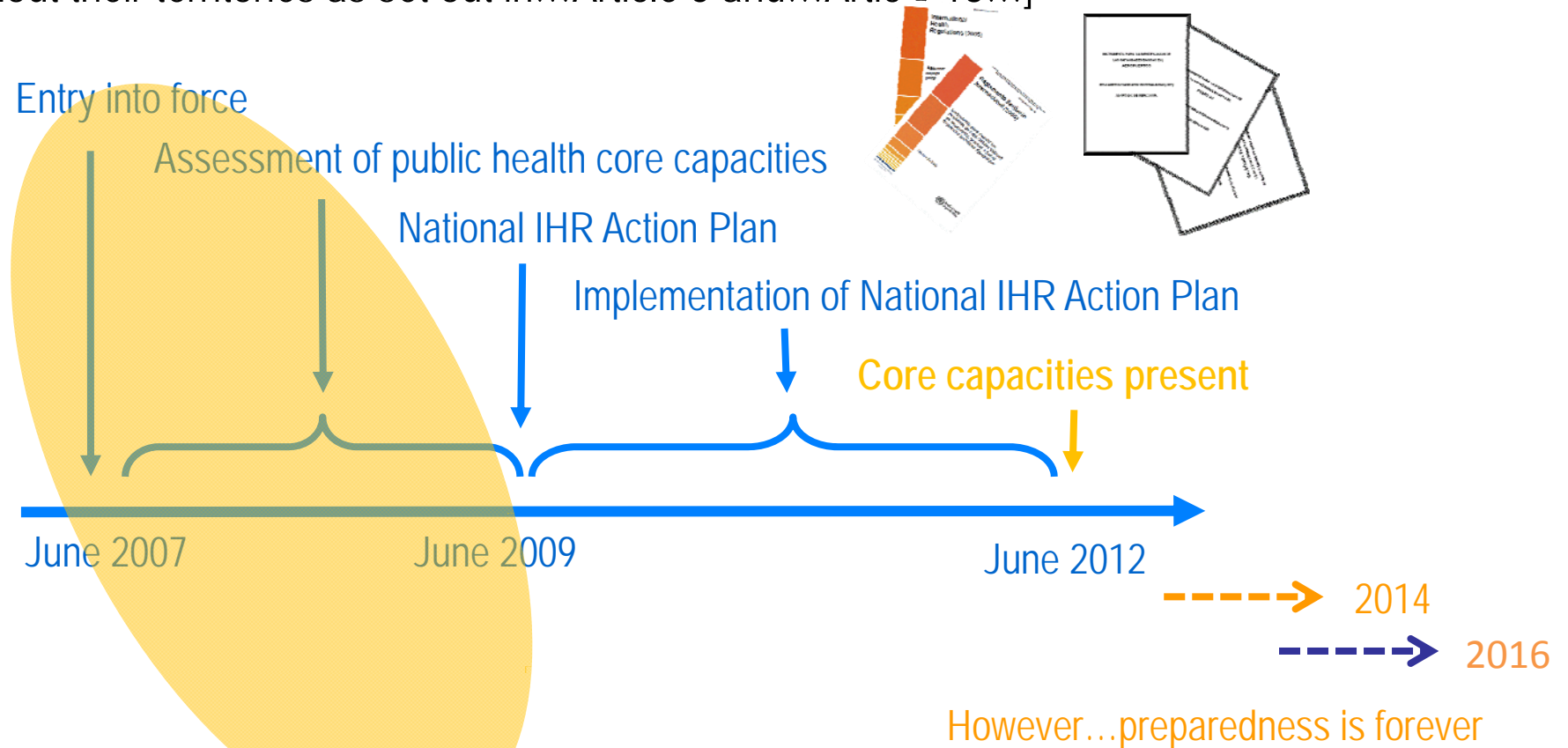


Core Capacities

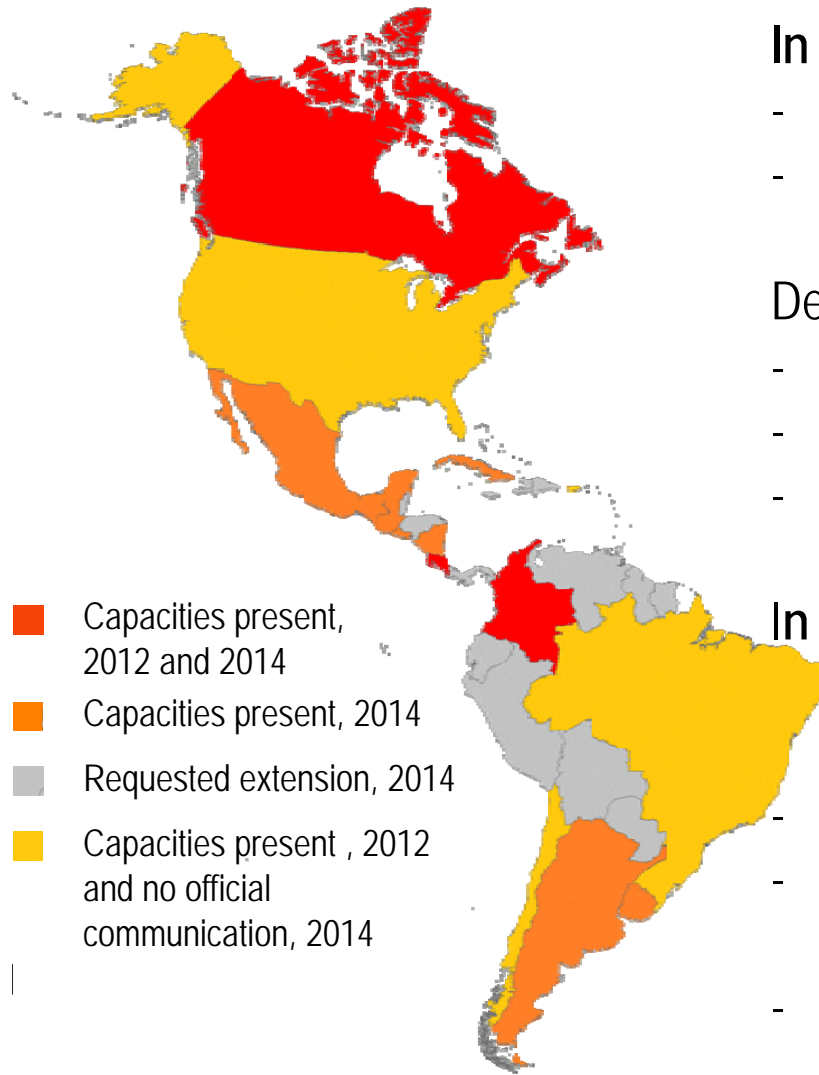
for Surveillance and Response and at Designated Points of Entry

Article 20 - Airports and ports

1. States Parties shall designate the airports and ports that shall develop the capacities provided in Annex 1 [...States Parties...to ensure that these core capacities are present and functioning throughout their territories as set out in...Article 5 and...Article 13...]



Core Capacities: 2012-2014 and 2014-2016 Extensions



In 2012

- 29/35 States Parties: requested and granted extension
- 6/35 States Parties determined that core capacities present

Designated Points of Entry

- **64 designated ports in 31/35 States Parties**
- 77 designated airports in 34/35 States Parties
- 22 designated ground crossings in 9/35 States Parties

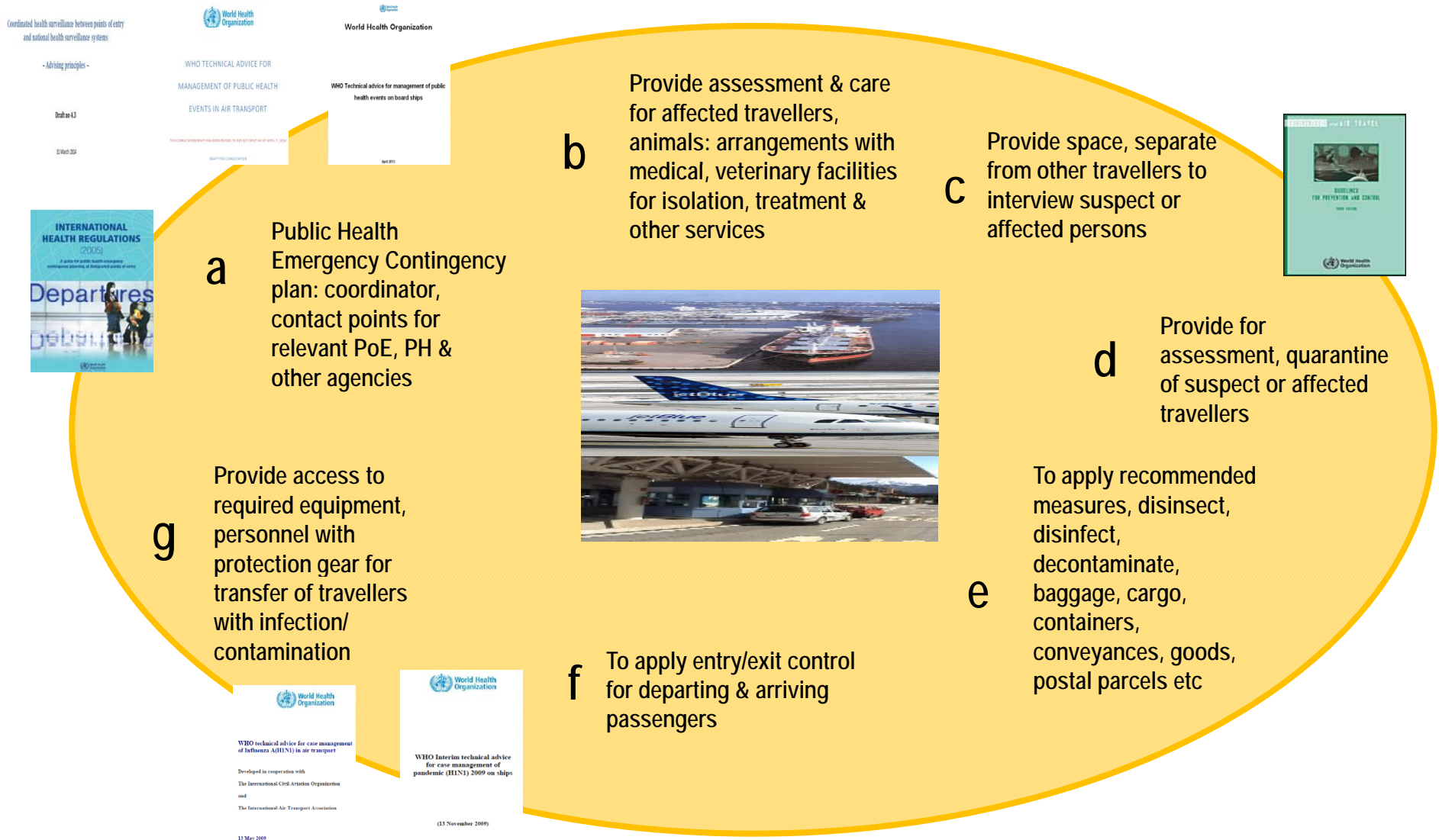
In 2014

Deadline for submission 15 April 2014

Official communication: 32/35 States Parties

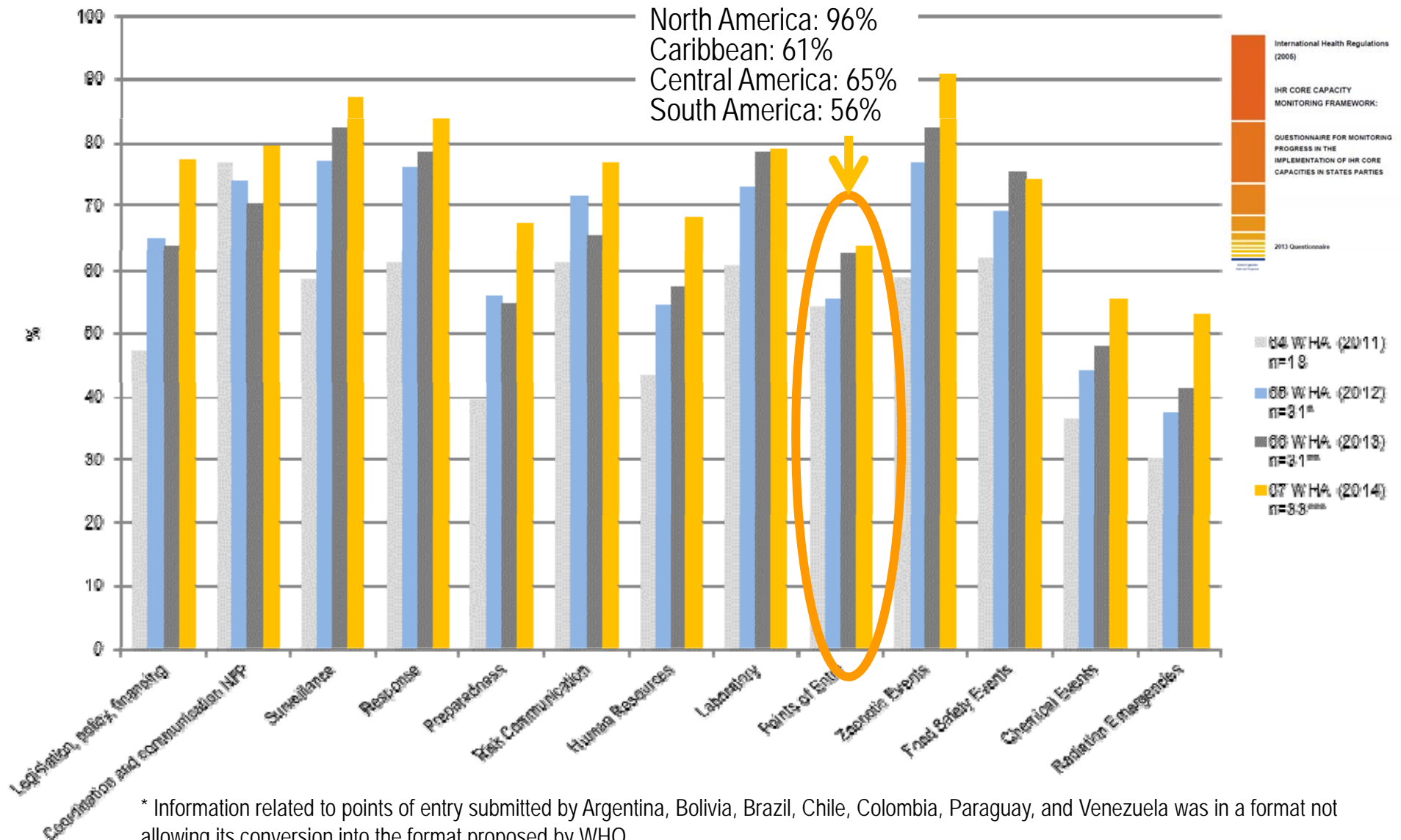
- Requested extension: 22/32 States Parties
- Self-determination core capacities present: (3+7)/32 States Parties
- Extensions to be granted by WHO Director-General, with the advice of the IHR Review Committee, by 15 June 2014

Annex 1B at designated Points of Entry Capacity requirements for responding to a (potential) public health emergency of international concern



Status (%) of Core Capacities

Americas, States Parties Annual Reports to 64, 65, 66, 67 World Health Assemblies



* Information related to points of entry submitted by Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Paraguay, and Venezuela was in a format not allowing its conversion into the format proposed by WHO

** Information related to points of entry submitted by Argentina was in a format not allowing its conversion into the WHO format

*** Annual Report submitted by Peru not yet included in the analysis; Bahamas and St Lucia have not submitted the Annual Report

Article 20 - Airports and ports

Voluntary Certification of Designated Airports and ports

4. WHO may, at the request of the State Party concerned, arrange to **certify**, after an appropriate investigation, that an airport or port in its territory meets the requirements referred to in paragraphs 1 and 3 of this Article. These certifications may be subject to periodic review by WHO, in consultation with the State Party

5. WHO, in **collaboration with competent intergovernmental organizations and international bodies**, shall develop and publish the certification guidelines for airports and ports under this Article. WHO shall also publish a list of certified airports and ports.



International Health Regulations (2005)

WHO Airports and Ports Certification

Administrative Procedures and Technical Checklist

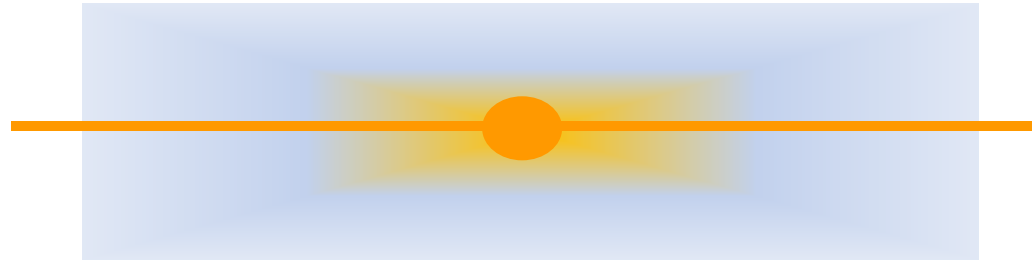
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11 July 2014: deadline for submission of comments by States Parties

Challenges

- Intersectoral collaboration at national and international levels
 - Awareness
 - Legal frameworks
 - Strategic and approach
 - Degree of institutionalization
 - Operational arrangements
 - Concept of facilitation
- Difficulties in interpreting provisions related to the different “categories” of Points of Entry
 - Non homogenous practice related to the issuance of Ship Sanitation Certificates by Authorized Ports (management of information, charges)
 - Interpretation of provisions related to Designated Points of Entry and in translating them into meaningful public health practice
 - Anticipated benefits and proposed procedures for the voluntary certification
- Management of public health events involving travellers, conveyances, Points of Entry (risk assessment, contact tracing)
- Metrics related to the implementation of the IHR
- Preparation and dissemination of guidance documents by WHO and access to information (timeliness, languages, inter-agency collaborations)



Thank you

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