

**[DOH QUARANTINE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.
35, June 14, 1962]**

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAVEL

It has been noted by this Office that there are varying interpretations of the validity of immunization certificates for travel. These have caused travelers much inconvenience. Clarification is hereby made and attention is invited to the following requirements:

a. *Types of Certificates Required for Travel* — The International Sanitary Regulations of the World Health Organization require that only WHO prescribed forms of international vaccination certificates shall be used for travel. One of the functions of the Bureau of Quarantine is to perform immunization for travel abroad and issue the corresponding certificate of vaccination. It is therefore recommended that immunization for travel be secured in this Office in order that the passenger may be properly documented. Certificates issued by the Armed Forces to active members of the organization shall be accepted in lieu of international certificates. It is recommended, however, that such certificates be referred to this Office for authentication.

b. *Smallpox Vaccination* — Smallpox vaccination is a standard requirement for travel. The validity of a smallpox vaccination certificate shall extend for a period of three years beginning eight days after the date of a successful primary vaccination or in the event of a revaccination, on the date of that revaccination. To illustrate this, the following examples are given:

1. An individual has his or her first primary vaccination January 1, 1962. This shall be recorded in the column for primary vaccination. This vaccination is inspected after a week to determine whether it was successful or not. If successful, it shall be duly recorded. In this case, the vaccination is valid January 9, 1962 up to January 1, 1965.

2. Another individual who is revaccinated January 1, 1962 shall have such vaccination recorded in the column for revaccination. This revaccination is effective January 1, 1962 up to January 1, 1965.

c. *Cholera Immunization* — The validity of a cholera certificate shall extend for a period of six months, beginning six days after the injection of the vaccine or, in the event of a revaccination, within such period of six months of the date of that revaccination. To illustrate this, the following examples are given: