

Global Immigration alert

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Ecuador

New yellow fever vaccination requirements for certain travelers from four countries

Executive summary

Effective 12 May 2025, certain travelers from four countries will be required to present an International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever issued at least 10 days prior to their travel to Ecuador to be admitted.

Background

The Ecuadorian Ministry of Public Health announced the measure on 1 March 2025, following the issuance of a new epidemiological alert by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and a level 2 travel notice by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in response to an increase in cases of yellow fever in South America since the start of 2025.

Key developments

Effective 12 May 2025, nationals and residents of Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia and Peru will be required to present a vaccination certificate confirming that they were vaccinated against yellow fever at least 10 days prior to their desired date of entry to be admitted to the country. Individuals aged 60 years of age or older are exempt from this requirement.

Ecuadorian nationals and residents, and non-Ecuadorian nationals who remain in any of these countries for more than 10 days will also be required to present a vaccination certificate issued at least 10 days prior to arrival in order to enter the country. Those who fail to comply with this requirement will be denied admission.

The yellow fever vaccine is effective with a single lifetime dose; therefore, certificates issued in previous years indicating that this dose has been administered will be considered valid. Travelers may be required to provide proof of vaccination prior to travel and upon arrival to Ecuador.

Impact on employers

Employers that send impacted employees to Ecuador for business or work purposes may support them with meeting the vaccination requirement prior to travel to ensure compliance with local requirements and mitigate potential business disruptions.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.



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