



Ref.: C.L.29.2026

Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005)

The Director-General of the World Health Organization presents his compliments to States Parties to the International Health Regulations (2005) (hereinafter referred to as the “IHR”) and has the honour to refer to circular letter C.L.40.2024 of 19 September 2024, notifying States Parties of the amendments to the IHR adopted by the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly through resolution WHA77.17 (2024) (hereinafter referred to as “2024 amendments”).

In accordance with Article 65 of the IHR, as amended in 2022, the Director-General further has the honour to inform States Parties that Canada has withdrawn its rejection¹ of the 2024 amendments through a communication dated 15 May 2026 and transmitted through Note Verbale dated 19 May 2026. The aforementioned communication was received by the Director-General on 19 May 2026. Pursuant to Article 63 of the IHR, the 2024 amendments therefore entered into force for Canada on 19 May 2026.

... A copy of the above-mentioned communication is enclosed herewith.

The Director-General of the World Health Organization takes this opportunity to renew to States Parties to the International Health Regulations (2005) the assurance of his highest consideration.

GENEVA, 30 June 2026

¹ The rejection, dated 8 July 2025, had been communicated to States Parties to the IHR through circular letter C.L. 26.2025 of 8 August 2025.

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Dear Doctor Tedros:

I am writing to you in relation to the International Health Regulations (IHR) (2005), adopted by the Fifty-eighth World Health Assembly in Geneva on May 23, 2005.

Through the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations and the World Trade Organization at Geneva's note no. GENEV-9967 of July 8, 2025, Canada submitted a notification of rejection, in accordance with paragraphs 1bis and 2 of Article 59 and Article 61 of the IHR, with respect to the amendments to the IHR adopted by the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly in Geneva on June 1, 2024 (2024 Amendments), noting that it would not have sufficient time to complete the remaining steps of its internal treaty adoption process prior to the entry into force of the 2024 Amendments on September 19, 2025.

In my capacity as Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada, I am pleased to inform you of the completion of Canada's domestic procedures required to accept the 2024 Amendments. Through the present letter, Canada would now like to notify you of its acceptance and withdraw its rejection of the 2024 Amendments, in accordance with Article 63 of the IHR. It is Canada's understanding that the 2024 Amendments enter into force for Canada upon the date of your receipt of the present notification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anita Anand".

The Honourable Anita Anand, P.C., M.P.

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