

To the Honourable Prime Minister,  
Dr. Robert Abela LLD.

16<sup>th</sup> July 2025

## **REJECT THE 2024 AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS**

We oppose the 2024 Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) ("IHR") and we DEMAND that you lead this government to reject them in their entirety before July 19<sup>th</sup> 2025 pursuant to Article 61 of the IHR for the many reasons given below and explained in further detail in the attached document.

Further to our letter of 30 June 2025, the deadline of July 19<sup>th</sup> 2025, to reject the [2024 Amendments to the International Health Regulations \(IHR\)](#) is almost here. We the people, oppose the amendments and demand that a letter of rejection is submitted immediately.

Had you and the government listened to our previous calls to reject the 2022 Amendments to the IHR like the leaders of Netherlands, New Zealand, Slovakia and Iran did, Malta would also have a deadline of March 19<sup>th</sup> 2026 to reject the June 1st 2024 Amendments.

We also petitioned you and the Speaker of the House in May 2024 to table a motion to reject the proposed amendments directly at the World Health Assembly like the government of the Netherlands had done due to the failure of the World Health Organisation (WHO) to follow even their own rules.

We do not believe that you or the government understand the significance or the impact of the IHR. As recently as 30 April 2025 the WHO, an unelected and unaccountable international body announced new recommendations which became law in Malta from the date of their announcement. Their recommendations are law!! No parliamentary process! No review!

You must address the incompetent clause 43 of Subsidiary Legislation 465.10 which allows the WHO override the Constitution's claim to be the highest law of the land. The European Union Treaty is clear evidence that decisions made by the European Parliament as well as the dictates of the European Commission are superior to the existing laws in Malta and worse still the recommendations of the WHO are equally law due to this shameful legislation!!

To the best of our knowledge, Malta is unique in its abhorrent submission to the WHO whereby it adopts any recommendation as law with immediate effect. The definitions in the IHR are very clear, recommendations are merely suggestions, basically non-binding advice.

The time to get ahead of this is now and you need to act decisively to put Malta first and to make it clear to the President of the European Parliament and others that Malta is sovereign, and Malta will act in the best interests of its citizens and residents.

Furthermore, the purpose of these amendments is NOT to improve the health of the public! How can the WHO seek to “prevent”, “prepare for” and “better respond to” the “next pandemic” when it failed to define any of the fundamental terms including: “pandemic”, “prevention”, “preparedness,” and “response”.

These negotiations were an ideal opportunity to evaluate the response to COVID-19 and to ensure the violations of fundamental human rights, the poor decisions and the mistakes that were made can never happen again. There are many, many amendments that should have been adopted, but were not.

The only thing that these amendments will improve is the future profits made by the ever-expanding pharmaceutical industry.

The amendment process was fundamentally flawed by the failure to comply with Article 55.2 of the IHR requiring the amendments were shared at least four months in advance of them being considered. The amendments include provisions that were specifically advised against by the Review Committee that established the Terms of Reference for the process.

The deceitful introduction of an open ended, unlimited funding mechanism to be operated by an unelected and unaccountable bureaucracy through the inclusion of a previously unseen provision as if it were an existing provision of the IHR exposes Malta to unknown and potentially unlimited financial obligations going forward.

The European Commission stated in the [Explanatory Memorandum for the Council Decision](#) regarding the Amendments, that ***“it is not expected to have any budgetary implications for the Union, as the Union is not Party to the International Health Regulations (2005)”***. They are demanding States agree to this regardless of the open ended, unlimited funding mechanism which will be operated beyond the influence or control of your government.

Following parliamentary and government-level discussions in Israel, on July 4, 2025 Israel’s Minister of Health, Mr. Uriel Buso officially declared Israel’s outright irrefutable opposition to, and hence rejection of the last proposed version of the updated IHR.

Among his remarks:

*“The sovereignty of the State of Israel is non-transferable – not even during a pandemic.”*

*“We will not surrender crisis management authority to an international body.”*

*“There was no parliamentary vote or discussion – an unacceptable scenario in democratic Israel.”*

*“Mandatory lockdowns, vaccines, and personal health reporting directly harm privacy, individual discretion and national freedom”*

MP Ariel Kallner (Israel) also stated: *“Rejecting the regulations is a responsible decision aimed at protecting Israel’s national interest.”*

This is a global issue with the United States and Argentina having already announced the beginning of withdrawal procedures from the WHO earlier this year, other countries, such as Italy and Hungary are currently reviewing possible rejection of the updated International Health Regulations. (IHR)

This reflects a growing international movement among sovereign nations seeking to preserve their autonomous legislative processes and sovereignty.

This is not a rejection of international health cooperation – but rather a vital defence of national sovereignty, legal due process, parliamentary oversight, and core democratic responsibility.

You hold the power to act in defence of Malta's future, to prevent a dangerous precedent, and to ensure that decisions affecting the lives of all citizens are not made behind closed doors by foreign unelected and unaccountable international actors.

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Yours sincerely

Concerned Citizens & Residents of Malta



# The Top Ten Reasons to Reject the Amendments to the International Health Regulations Before the July 19, 2025 Deadline

1. The new definition of “relevant health products” only includes pharmaceutical drugs, diagnostics, devices and GENE AND CELL BASED THERAPIES. There is no mention of vitamins, minerals, herbs, homeopathic remedies or any other natural solutions. There has been no after-event review of the failures associated with the fraudulent use of the PCR “tests,” ventilators, drugs such as remdesivir and the viral vector and mRNA “vaccines.” (Article 1)
2. The Director-General of the World Health Organization would be empowered to declare a “pandemic emergency” based solely upon his determination, with no checks or balances. There is no procedure by which the member nations can vote to terminate the declarations made by the Director-General. (Articles 1, 12 and 49)
3. “States Parties... shall maintain or increase domestic funding, as necessary, and collaborate... to strengthen sustainable financing to support the implementation of these Regulations.” HOW MUCH IS THIS GOING TO COST? (Article 44)
4. A new article (44bis) was added to the IHR in violation of the WHO Constitution. On February 6, 2023, the Review Committee cautioned **“against creating an explicit financing function for WHO under the Regulations.”** The failure to define the details of the “Coordinating Financial Mechanism” while empowering unelected, unaccountable and unknown future bureaucrats to control the “Mechanism,” the failure to determine how much this is going to cost, the failure to require full transparency and make public a complete audit trail as well as the failure to ensure that conflicts of interest will be prevented are all unacceptable. In addition, Article 44bis was improperly and secretly added to the final version of the amendments in regular font instead of bold font. This gave the impression that the new article was part of the existing IHR and failed to properly indicate that Article 44bis was an amendment. (Article 44bis)
5. The WHO Director-General failed to properly submit the FINAL VERSION of the proposed amendments with at least four months’ notice as required by Article 55(2).
6. It is absolutely unacceptable that healthy people who are merely suspected of having been exposed to a contagious disease may be quarantined. (Article 27)
7. Forcing conveyance operators to apply “health measures” [such as spraying insecticides] on board while travellers are embarking and disembarking is a clean violation of fundamental freedoms. [Article 24.1(a), Article 24.1(b) and Annex 4.1(c)]
8. Nations are obligated to enact domestic legislation to implement the IHR amendments. Many have already enacted some of the most dystopian measures imaginable. (Article 4)
9. By instructing the Director General “provide available information on any WHO-coordinated mechanism(s) concerning access to, and allocation of, relevant health products,” the amendments to these articles simply feed into the World Health Organization’s Pre-qualification and Emergency Use Listing money-making racket. (Articles 15, 16, 17 and 18)
10. The failure to address the clear violation of human rights that authorizes nations to **“compel the traveller to undergo... vaccination or other prophylaxis; or (c) additional established health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease, including isolation, quarantine or placing the traveller under public health observation”** is absolutely UNACCEPTABLE. (Article 31.2)