

STATEMENT

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On 9 May 2003 WHO has announced that Mongolia has been removed from the WHO List of areas with recent local transmission of SARS while no any local transmission of SARS has been observed during 20 days (equal to two times of incubation period of SARS) since 28 April 2003 when the only case of local transmission of SARS in Mongolia from an imported SARS case has been isolated for a treatment. All 8 other SARS probable cases registered in Mongolia since 12 April 2003 were imported from People's Republic of China. All SARS probable cases were successfully cured and now recovered fully. No SARS case has been observed among health workers in Mongolia due to scrupulous execution of WHO recommendations for infection control in health care settings. Therefore WHO does not recommend any restrictions on travel to Mongolia (WHO SARS Update 52 – Situation in China, the Philippines, and Mongolia, 10 May 2003; http://www.who.int/csr/sarsarchive/2003_05_10/en/print.html).

Government of Mongolia is continuing vigilant surveillance of SARS related conditions and implements strict sanitary and prophylactic activities against SARS combined with rigorous border control measures granting prevention of SARS in Mongolia.

Mongolia is now SARS free and there is no danger for SARS local transmission.

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