

International Travel Assessment Form

2021 Road World Championships

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Date(s) of Information collected

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Event Name	Road World Championships
Date of Event	19-26 September
Location of Event including Country	Flanders, Belgium
Event Website	https://www.flanders2021.com/en
Names of athletes, support staff travelling	
Travel itinerary Include any stopovers	Will vary depending on where riders are coming from and will be included in each individuals plan
Current NZ COVID Alert Level and NZ government travel recommendations	<p>NZ is at alert level 1</p> <p>New Zealanders are advised not to travel overseas at this time. The New Zealand Government has raised its travel advice to “do not travel” — the highest level — regardless of destination.</p> <p>The current travel bubble with Australia is changing constantly, with the bubble only re-opening to South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and the Australian Capital Territory on 5th July. A negative Covid-19 test within 72 hours of departure will now be required for all passengers before boarding flights to New Zealand from South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and the Australian Capital Territory.</p> <p>This highlights how quickly situations can change.</p>
Return to New Zealand requirements and costs and who will be funding? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MIQ voucher - https://allocation.miq.govt.nz/portal/ • Pre-departure testing requirements • Who will cover the costs? • Training options in room? • https://covid19.govt.nz/travel-and-the-border/travel-to-new-zealand/pre-departure-testing-for-arrivals-into-new-zealand/ 	<p>All travellers to New Zealand (excluding those from Antarctica and most Pacific Islands) must show evidence of a negative COVID-19 test result before departure, this now includes Australia.</p> <p>MIQ charges are still \$3100 per person.</p> <p>All travellers entering NZ are also required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a managed isolation voucher, secured via the new allocation system. If you do not hold a voucher, you will be refused boarding. • go into ‘managed isolation’ in a government-provided facility (hotel), or • if you have COVID-19 symptoms, go into a quarantine facility (separate hotel). • You will need to stay there for at least 14 days. This will prevent any further unmanaged COVID-19 infection coming into New Zealand. You can’t self-isolate at home or take a domestic flight before the 14-day period is completed.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> internationaltravel@sp.ortnz.org.nz https://covid19.govt.nz/travel-and-the-border/travel-to-new-zealand/pre-departure-testing-for-arrivals-into-new-zealand/what-to-do-before-you-travel-pre-departure-testing/ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a pre-departure test – within 72 hours of departure – A positive test result means you may not be able to travel. If you test positive, you may not be able to board your flight. You should postpone your travel and follow local public health advice. If you choose to travel at a later date when you have recovered, you will be required to get a medical certificate within 72 hours from the time of departure that confirms that you had a positive COVID-19 test but have now recovered. <p>There are limited MIQ spots available, however they are released periodically so may become available. Information from Sport NZ June update:</p> <p><i>“Currently bookings can be made as far out as 30 October 2021, and MIQ’s intention is to release vouchers up to six months in advance. MIQ vouchers for dates are released on a periodic basis and availability is constantly changing, so if your preferred date of travel is not available then keep checking. However, we highly recommend that you also have flexibility around your travel dates. As an example of this, while dates for September and October may show in MIAS as unavailable, it is our understanding that less than 50% of vouchers have been released for these months and the remainder will be continue to be released.”</i></p>
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As at 5 July — <https://allocation.miq.govt.nz/portal/>

Current accommodation availability

Vouchers for MIQ are gradually released in batches over several weeks and months.

There are still more rooms to be released for August, September and October. Keep checking the system for available dates.

Vouchers for November and December will be released once airlines have confirmed their schedules.

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October 2021						
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Significance/Importance of this travel?
Olympic Qualifications etc.?

- The Road World Championships are the pinnacle event on the calendar.
- The World Championships are important for CNZ to meet High Performance and Development Targets and gain points in the qualification process for the Commonwealth and Olympic Games.

Travel Information and Insurance

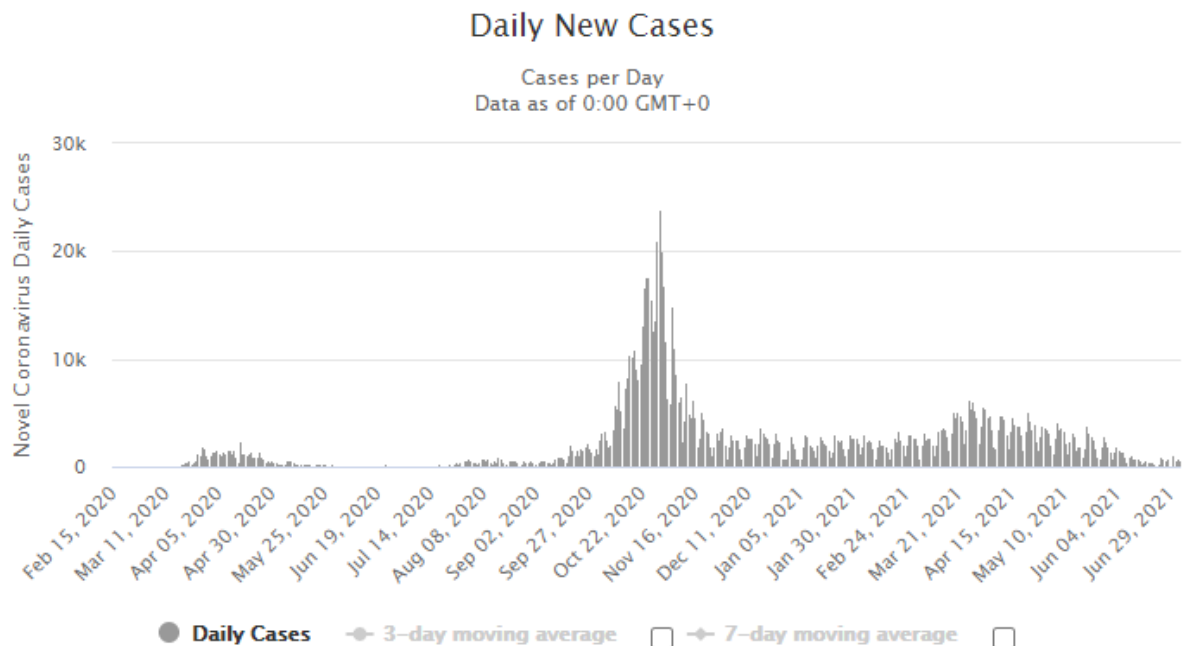
In-flight requirements of airline and/or government

Air NZ - All passengers are required to wear a face-covering prior to reaching the boarding gate and on all Air New Zealand operated flights.

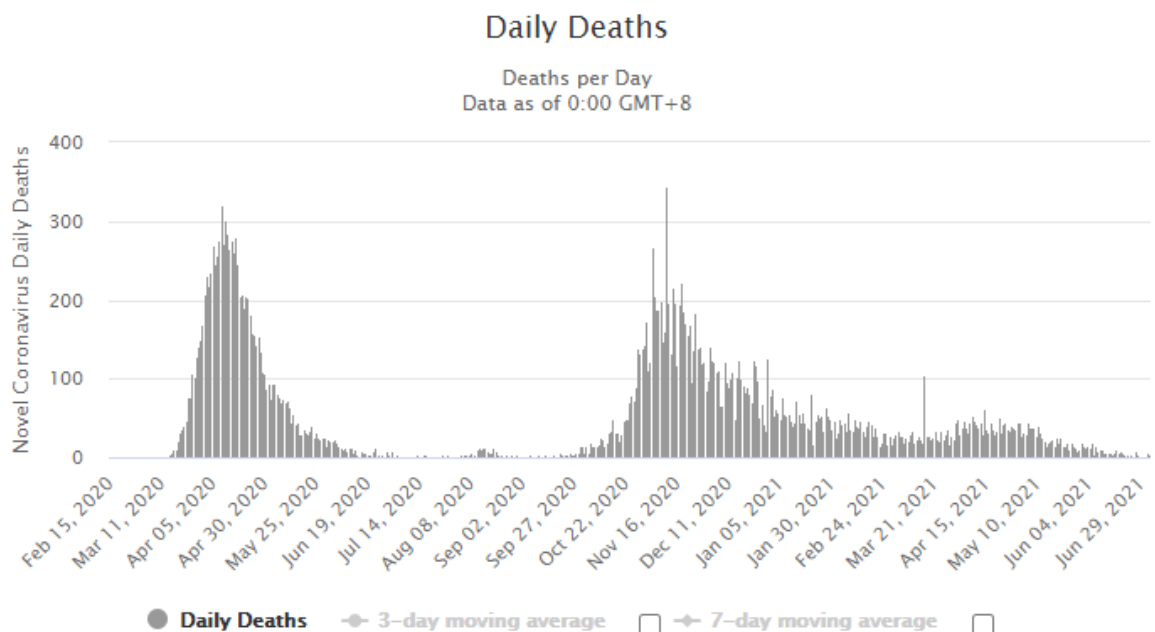
<p>(e.g., face masks, physical distancing, sanitation etc.)</p>	<p>Passengers are welcome to wear their own face-covering and we will continue to make masks available.</p> <p>High touch surfaces will be cleaned regularly, and we are taking extra steps to ensure all our aircraft, lounges and airports are frequently cleaned. Hand sanitiser will be readily available.</p> <p>Physical distancing is still recommended at the airport and while boarding at Alert Level 1. Where possible we will allocate additional space to support physical distancing on board</p> <p>Our food & beverage service is back to normal. Please wear a mask or face covering while you're not enjoying a drink or bite to eat.</p> <p>https://www.airnewzealand.co.nz/covid19#care</p> <p><i>Other airlines will need to be reviewed depending on airlines available to travel to Belgium. Athletes would be advised to wear a mask and carry out their own sanitization of their seats should they travel. This would be covered in their safety plan</i></p>
<p>Travel and health insurance status and what has been put in place. What will this cover? e.g., if there is an outbreak and local quarantine is required, hospitalization, intensive care support and potential relocation? COVID infection risk after travel with COVID positive person(s) and therefore required to isolate with no training options</p>	<p>Insurance for each rider will be known when they complete their safety plan. The rider will need to acknowledge that any shortfalls from the insurance with regards to disruption, medical cover etc. will need to be personally covered by the rider.</p> <p>Chubb – Declared “foreseen circumstance” There is no cover for trip cancellation or disruption if the policy was purchased after the customer became aware of circumstances which could lead to the cancellation or disruption of the trip (a “foreseen circumstance”). It is important that the customer considers this prior to the purchase of any new travel insurance or new travel arrangements for an existing travel policy with Chubb.</p> <p>Chubb considers COVID-19 to be a “foreseen circumstance” for policies that are issued and/or travel arrangements under an existing policy that are paid for after the following dates for travel to, from or within the following areas:</p> <p>5:00 pm (NZDT) on 22 January 2020 for Hubei province, China; 9:00 am (NZDT) on 2 February 2020 for mainland China; and 4:00 pm (NZDT) on 2 March 2020 for all other destinations outside New Zealand.</p> <p>Therefore, where a policy was issued and/or travel arrangements are paid for after the above dates, COVID-19 is considered a “foreseen circumstance” and as such claims for trip cancellation or disruption are unlikely to be covered by the policy. As such, please ensure that you or your client consider this prior to making any travel arrangements or purchasing a policy.</p>
<p>Accommodation at event and in transit (if applicable)</p>	<p>Unknown at this stage until plans are completed by individuals</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers per room • Cooking facilities? • Laundry facilities • Location in proximity to event venue 	
<p>Testing requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a requirement for pre-departure testing? • What are the testing requirements on arrival? (e.g. rapid diagnostic testing, temperature or medical checks) 	<p>https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/travels/</p> <p>There are different specifications depending on origin.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You must complete the Passenger Locator Form (PLF) within 48 hours before arriving in Belgium. The PLF must be completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • by all people travelling to Belgium, except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if they are staying for less than 48 hours in Belgium, • if they are returning to Belgium after a stay abroad of less than 48 hours; • when travelling by plane or boat to Belgium; • when travelling by train or bus from a country outside the EU or Schengen Area 2. Check the colour code of your country and/or whether it is listed as a very high-risk country. Please note: Have you been in a very high-risk country in the past 14 days? You are not allowed to travel to Belgium. You may only travel to Belgium if you have an essential reason. Read more here. 3. Check which COVID certificate you have. There are three types of certificates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A vaccination certificate proves that you have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19. You are fully vaccinated 2 weeks after your last vaccination dose. • A recovery certificate shows that you have recovered from COVID-19. You have a positive PCR test result no older than 180 days and you no longer need to quarantine. • A test certificate is proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test result. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ! Please note: You do not live in the European Union or Schengen Area? Then you must have a certificate recognised by Belgium or the European Union.
<p>COVID Information at Destination and transit locations</p>	
<p>Local COVID-19 epidemiology at both destination and transit locations</p> <p>https://ourworldindata.org/policy-responses-covid#international-travel-controls</p> <p>https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus</p> <p>https://www.who.int/countries</p> <p>https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/travel-advisories-destination</p>	<p>Belgium</p> <p>Confirmed Cases – 1,086,508</p> <p>Deaths – 25,185</p> <p>Daily new cases – 400-800</p> <p>Belgium had a peak in Oct/Nov 2020 and since then has seen a steady decline in cases. There was another small peak in March but not as significant as the first peak.</p> <p>https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/belgium/</p> <p>https://datastudio.google.com/embed/u/0/reporting/c14a5cfc-cab7-4812-848c-0369173148ab/page/tpRKB</p>

Daily New Cases in Belgium



Daily New Deaths in Belgium



MIQ requirements at destination – Key point here is ‘which country are

MIQ requirements are based on the location of origin full list and requirements can be found here:
<https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/travels/>

<p>you coming from' and entering which country</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which country are they travelling from and entering which country • Number of days? 	<p>NZ is considered a green country and quarantine is not required.</p>
<p>Contract Tracing requirements</p>	<p>https://coronaalert.be/en/</p>
<p>Public gathering restrictions and stay-at-home requirements at the destination</p>	<p>Events or shows can be organized, for example theatre, professional sports competitions or concerts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is allowed for maximum 2000 people indoors or 2500 people outdoors. • You may attend an event in groups of eight or with the people you live with. Children up to and including 12 years old do not need to be taken into account. Keep a 1,5 meters distance from other groups. <p>Organized activities (for example a sports club or organization) are allowed for groups of maximum 100 people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A trainer or coach must always be present. • You need to stay as much as possible in groups of eight or with the people you live with. Children up to and including 12 years old do not need to be taken into account. • If you cannot conduct the activity in groups of 8 (e.g. football match), then you can form larger groups. <p>What remains closed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discos • Dance clubs
<p>Internal movement restrictions at destination and transit locations. Public transport etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are allowed to move around freely. • If you are using public transport (bus, tram or train) and are you older than 12 years of age, wear a face mask covering your mouth and nose.
<p>Specific health support (including COVID-19 and emergency non-COVID-19 care) availability at destination.</p> <p>Information on current status of hospitals and health care facilities</p> <p>How will this be paid for? Insurance or other funding?</p>	<p>There are currently only 300 people in hospital for COVID which is a significant reduction since April.</p> <div data-bbox="564 1355 1425 2054"> <h3>Belgium COVID-19 Epidemiological Situation</h3> <p>Hospitalisations - Page 1: Lab-Confirmed</p> <p>Select date range Page 2</p> <p>The top chart, 'New Admissions', displays daily new lab-confirmed hospitalizations. It shows an initial peak in early 2020, a period of low activity, followed by a major peak in late 2020 reaching nearly 1000 admissions. After a decline, there is a smaller peak in early 2021. The 'Last 7 days average' is noted as 10.7. The bottom chart, 'Total in Hospital', shows the cumulative number of lab-confirmed patients in hospital. It follows a similar pattern with a large peak in late 2020 reaching over 7000 patients, followed by a steady decline to zero by mid-2021.</p> </div>

Additional details that could impact this assessment?	<p>Belgium is currently listed as an amber country by the UK government</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england#:~:text=Anquilla%2C%20Antigua%20and%20Barbuda%2C%20Baleaeric,green%20list%204am%2C%2030%20June.</p> <p>Belgium is NOT listed as a higher risk country for the IOC/Japanese Government</p>
Event Details	
Details from Events management plan for COVID 19 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what is in place to keep athletes and support crew safe? • Is it deemed sufficient? • Does it follow UCI protocols? • Plans if someone presents with COVID at the event venue? <p>UCI Requirements</p>	<p>UCI have released protocol for the organisation of Road Events in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>These include recommended protocols and mandatory protocols.</p> <p>https://www.uci.org/docs/default-source/medical/roa_covid-19_rules_uwt_wwt.pdf</p> <p>There is currently no information from the LOC regarding COVID protocols, however this has been requested from the LOC as at 5 July.</p> <p>https://box.uci.ch/index.php/s/G1DDCvbtOChp18x</p>
Event organisation COVID-19 restrictions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social distancing • Gathering numbers • PPE 	Unknown at this stage
Are there medical supplies and PPE available at the destination? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face masks • Personal medical supplies • Sanitiser 	Given the low case numbers these should now be readily available
Testing Requirements at event	Unknown at this stage however the UCI do recommend that COVID testing and health checks are carried out by riders prior to arriving onsite.
Training facilities and plans	Unknown at this stage
Medical	
Athlete health prior to travel	The UCI do not have any requirements for pre-health checks prior to competing in an international event, aside from the COVID requirements as stipulated by the event. It is however recommended by Cycling NZ that all riders have a medical check from either a HPSNZ doctor or their local GP to identify any underlying medical conditions that could be additional risk if they were to contract COVID19 prior to leaving NZ.

What medical support will there be for general illness, incidents etc.? Availability of medical supplies?	Unknown for event
Daily health Checks – how will this be carried out?	Daily health checks are likely to be required by the event and these could be carried out online through Cycling NZ.

Assessment Notes/Recommendations

Key Points:

- Belgium has seen a steady decline since November last year, with only a small spike in March.
- Hospitals are not seeing the numbers previously with only 274 currently in hospital for COVID10.
- The government has allowed events to take place with a maximum of 2500 people for an outdoors event.
- LOC have not produced a COVID plan yet which would need to be reviewed to allow confirmed entry into this event. However, as a UCI sanctioned event they will be required to produce a COVID plan which meets the requirements as outlined by UCI. The details of the plan will not require as much detail as other countries with higher levels of COVID outbreaks.
- All riders will be required to complete an *International Event Entry Application (IEEA)* prior to being entered into the event. This will be the riders safety plan for the event.

It is important to note:

- NZ government is still recommending not to travel. Leaving NZ carries increased risk.
- COVID19 is still an unknown virus and can escalate extremely quickly, this could result in difficulty in getting back home to NZ should there be an outbreak and also treatment at a hospital could be impacted for not only COVID19 related symptoms but other injuries.
- If an athlete contracts COVID19 they will need to quarantine for a minimum of 10 days, which is a financial risk as well as impacting training significantly for future events.

RECOMMENDATION TO CYCLING NEW ZEALAND

As at 5 July, it is recommended that Cycling New Zealand allow **selection** to take place for the Road World Champs to be held in Flanders, Belgium with entry into the event pending on the following requirements/restrictions:

- The Event provides details on what measures they will have in place at the event with regards to:
 - Social distancing,
 - Use of face masks
 - Negative test results prior to being allowed onsite.
 - Management of positive COVID cases
- Each rider produces a safety plan around their travel – minimum requirement will be completing the CNZ International Event Entry Application (IEEA) to a sufficient standard and this being approved by CNZ. This will also require the rider to continue to review this should there be any changes or developments prior to departure.

By selecting the athlete and once entered into the event, they agree to abide by all UCI and LOC Event Bubble rules.

Name: Shanelle Barrett

Signature:



Date: 5 July 2021

UPDATE 16 July 2021

Upon receipt of information from Xavier Bigard, Medical Director of UCI this event can now be approved for entry. This is based on the following:

Coming from New Zealand, you will be subject to a specific Covid protocol upon entry into Belgium. This protocol is defined by the national health authorities, and it is very evolving considering the extent of the delta variant in Europe and the increase of the incidence rate of new Covid cases.

In parallel, a specific Covid protocol will be implemented by both UCI and the organizing committee including,

- an initial Covid control at the entry in the Event bubble, based on Covid tests using the PCR technology, on either naso-pharyngeal swab or saliva,*
- concerning the Road World Championships, you are responsible for the maintenance of the team bubble outside the event site (hotel, accommodation, catering, etc.),*
- a Covid control schedule during the event which will be defined very soon, but likely based on antigen test on either swab or saliva.*
- in addition to the medical service of the race, a Covid doctor will be appointed by the organization committee, in accordance with the UCI Covid Protocols.*
- the management of confirmed Covid cases is under the responsibility of the Covid doctor, in collaboration with the health authorities and myself.*

The Covid countermeasures that will be implemented at this event will be in accordance with the UCI Covid protocol (see attached file). More details will be available soon.

Name: Shanelle Barrett

Signature: 

Date: 16 July 2021

FINAL DECISION BY CYCLING NEW ZEALAND

Recommendation above **APPROVED** / DECLINED

Name: Jacques Landry

Signature:

Date: 16.7.21



Resources

<https://www.flanders2021.com/>

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/belgium/>

<https://datastudio.google.com/embed/u/0/reporting/c14a5cfc-cab7-4812-848c-0369173148ab/page/tpRKB>

<https://www.uci.org/news/2020/covid-19-pandemic-how-to-return-to-cycling-events>

<https://www.miq.govt.nz/>

<https://safetravel.govt.nz/news/advice-new-zealanders-overseas-0>

<https://sportnz.org.nz/media/3615/guidelines-for-international-travel-for-new-zealand-nsos-16-december-final.pdf>

<https://hpsnz.org.nz/covid-19/>

<https://www.miq.govt.nz/travel-to-new-zealand/plan-your-travel-to-nz/pre-departure-testing/>

<https://www.staralliance.com/en/country-info>

<https://ourworldindata.org/policy-responses-covid#international-travel-controls>

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus>

<https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/travel-advisories-destination>

<https://www.iatatravelcentre.com/world.php>

NZ Ministry of Health COVID-19 - <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

NZ Government COVID-19 - <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

Sport New Zealand Covid-19 Information - <https://sportnz.org.nz/covid-19-response/overview/>

<https://allocation.miq.govt.nz/portal/>

Complete these four steps if you are travelling to New Zealand

STEP ONE

Create an individual or family registration

Enter passenger details. For family registrations, enter the details of everyone in your group who is travelling to New Zealand with you.



STEP TWO

Hold your accommodation

Select your preferred arrival date in New Zealand. A 14-day stay in managed isolation will be held for 48 hours while you organise your flights.



STEP THREE

Confirm your arrival details

Book your flights then return here to enter your flight details to New Zealand. Your allocation in managed isolation will be confirmed.



STEP FOUR

Print or download your Voucher

You will need to present your Managed Isolation Allocation Voucher at the airport to board your flight to New Zealand.



Additional for this assessment:

<https://sportnz.org.nz/covid-19-response/advice-guidance-and-resources/international-travel-exemption-form/>

<https://sportnz.org.nz/media/3673/international-travel-update-28-01.pdf>