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Regulation (EU) 2021/954 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2021 on a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable COVID-19 vaccination, test and recovery certificates (EU Digital COVID Certificate) with regard to third-country nationals legally staying or residing in the territories of Member States during the COVID-19 pandemic

- Notifications pursuant to Article 15(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/953

Delegation will find attached notifications pursuant to Article 15(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/953 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2021 on a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable COVID-19 vaccination, test and recovery certificates (EU Digital COVID Certificate) to facilitate free movement during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Information about Denmark's application of the phasing-in period as set out in the Regulation on the EU Digital COVID Certificate (2021/953)

Dear Secretary-General,

The Danish component of the EU Digital COVID Certificate was connected effectively to the EUDCC gateway on 1 June 2021. Since then, Denmark has been issuing EU Digital COVID Certificates to citizens holding a Danish civil registration number.

However, Denmark will not be ready to issue the certificates referred to in Article 3(1) to persons not holding a Danish civil registration number in a format that complies with the Regulation on the EU Digital COVID Certificate (2021/953) from 1 July 2021. Furthermore, Denmark will issue paper-based certificates to some Danish non-digital citizens in a format that will not comply with Regulation on the EU Digital COVID Certificate (2021/953) from 1 July 2021. The Danish authorities expect to be ready to deliver EU Digital COVID Certificates in the format referred to in Article 3(1) to persons not holding a Danish civil registration number and Danish non-digital citizens from at the latest 12 August 2021.

The Danish authorities will issue certificates that contain the necessary data set out in the Annex of the Regulation to EU citizens and residents, and third-country nationals legally staying or residing on the territories of Member States.

Yours sincerely,

Jonas Bering Lisberg
Ambassador, Permanent Representative

FINLAND

Information regarding phasing-in period pursuant to Article 15(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/953;

- Finnish DCC vaccination certificate was implemented already 22.6.
- Finnish verification app will go live 1.7.
- Finnish DCC test and recovery certificates will go live 14.7.



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Le Représentant permanent

Bruxelles, le 1^{er} juillet 2021

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Madame la Secrétaire générale,

Conformément à l'article 15 paragraphe 2 du règlement 2021/953 relatif à un cadre pour la délivrance, la vérification et l'acceptation de certificats COVID-19 interopérables, je vous informe que la France n'est pas en mesure de délivrer le certificat de rétablissement prévu à l'article 3 paragraphe 1 alinéa c dans un format qui respecte le règlement.

Les certificats de rétablissements actuellement délivrés par la France contiennent les données indiquées dans l'annexe de celui-ci.

La France devrait être en mesure de délivrer des certificats de rétablissement dans le format prescrit à compter du 6 juillet 2021.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Madame la Secrétaire générale, l'expression de mes respectueux hommages.

Philippe LEGLISE-COSTA

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Secretary-General
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CC: Permanent Representatives of EU Member States

BY EMAIL

1 July 2021

Re: EU Digital COVID Certificate - Issuance of Certificates

Dear Secretaries-General,
Dear Colleagues,

The recent cyber-attack on our Health Service Executive has had an impact on the ability of Ireland to deliver the EU Digital COVID Certificate initiative on schedule.

As required under Article 15 of (EU) 2021/953, Ireland is notifying the European Commission and Member States that it is not in a position to start with the issuance of EU Digital COVID Certificates on 1 July 2021.

The utmost priority has been attached to the project under these difficult circumstances, and efforts are ongoing at national level to commence issuing these certificates as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Hanney (Electronic Signature)
Permanent Representative

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Mr Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelsen
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CC: Permanent Representatives of EU Member States

30 June 2021

Dear Colleagues

Malta's Notification on the Issuance of Certificates in Compliance with the EU Digital COVID Certificate Regulation

Pursuant to Article 15(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/953, I am writing to inform you that on Thursday 1 July Malta will effectively connect to the EU Digital COVID Certificate Gateway and will begin to issue vaccination certificates in a format that complies with this Regulation. Vaccination certificates will be issued to those persons who are fully vaccinated with any of the EMA-approved vaccines. Malta intends to issue all types of certificates to meet the requirements of other Member States, however it will only start issuing test and recovery certificates in a format compliant with the Regulation as from 15 July. Furthermore, consistent with the position expressed throughout negotiations on the EU Digital COVID Certificate, given that evidence published to date suggests that reinfection is still possible after initial infection, Malta will not waive restrictions for holders of recovery certificates at this stage.

Yours Sincerely

Marlene Bonnici
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

SLOVAKIA

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Dear Secretary General, dear colleagues

I would like to confirm you that Slovak Republic is able to issue the vaccination certificates, certificates of recovery and test certificates based on NAAT tests in the format that complies with Digital COVID Regulation.

We are not able to issue for now test certificates based on Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT). We will be able to issue test certificates based on RAT tests from 09/7/2021.

Sincerely yours,

Ms. Ilze Juhansone
Secretary General
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Permanent Representatives and Deputy Permanent Representatives
of all EU Member States



*El Embajador
Representante Permanente Adjunto de España
ante la Unión Europea*

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Mr. Jeppe TRANHOLM-
MIKKELSEN
Secretary General
Council of the EU

Bruselas, 2 Julio 2021

Estimado Sr. Secretario General,

En cumplimiento de lo establecido en el artículo 15.2 del Reglamento (UE) 2021/953 del Parlamento Europeo y del Consejo de 14 de junio de 2021 relativo a un marco para la expedición, verificación y aceptación de certificados COVID-19 interoperables de vacunación, de prueba diagnóstica y de recuperación (certificado COVID digital de la UE) a fin de facilitar la libre circulación durante la pandemia de COVID-19, España notifica a la Comisión y a los Estados miembros su intención de acogerse al plazo establecido en el citado artículo hasta el próximo 12 de agosto, dado que ciertas regiones no podrán expedir el 1 de julio los certificados de prueba diagnóstica a los que se refiere el artículo 3, apartado 1, letra b), con el ruego al resto de Estado miembros de que de acuerdo a ese artículo 15.2 acepten los certificados no conformes al formato CCD mientras dure el período de introducción progresiva. Tan pronto se pueda garantizar la emisión de este tipo de certificados en la totalidad del país, en formato conforme a lo recogido en el Reglamento, se comunicará debidamente a la Comisión y a los Estados miembros.

Atentamente,

Raúl Fuentes Milani

COURTESY TRANSLATION

Pursuant to article 15.2 of Regulation (EU) 2021/953 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2021 on a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable COVID-19 vaccination, test and recovery certificates (EU Digital COVID Certificate) to facilitate free movement during the COVID-19 pandemic, Spain hereby informs the Commission and the Member States of its intention to make use of the full period set forth in said article until 12 August 2021, given that certain regions will not be able to issue the test certificates referred to in article 3.1.(b) by 1 July. Therefore, pursuant to article 15.2, Spain asks the other Member States to accept certificates that do not comply with the DCC format during the phasing-in period. As soon as the issuance of this type of certificates can be guaranteed throughout the country, in the format complying with the provisions of the Regulation, this will be duly notified to the Commission and to the Member States.



Government Offices of Sweden

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Mr Tranholm-Mikkelsen, Secretary-
General of the Council

Coreper II Ambassadors

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Letter of notification according to article 15.2 of regulation (EU)
2021/953 (EU Digital Covid Certificate)

With reference to article 15.2 of regulation (EU) 2021/953 of 14 June 2021
on the EU Digital Covid Certificate, we would hereby like to notify the
Commission and EU Member States of the following.

From 1 July 2021 Sweden will be issuing vaccination certificates in
accordance with article 5 of the aforementioned regulation. As regards the
issuing of test certificates and certificates of recovery (as set out in articles 6
and 7 respectively) Sweden will be issuing certificates in accordance with the
provisions of article 15 (phasing-in period).

We stand ready to inform the Commission and other EU Member States as
soon as Sweden is ready to start issuing certificates in accordance with
articles 6 and 7 of the regulation.

With assurances of my highest consideration,

Marianne Jenryd

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Email of 1 July 2021

For the attention of:

Ms Bente Angell-Hansen, President of the EFTA Surveillance Authority
Ms Ilze Juhansone, Secretary General of the European Commission
Mr Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelsen, Secretary General of the Council of the EU
Coreper II Ambassadors

Pursuant to Article 15(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/953, cf. decision of the EEA Joint Committee no. 187/2021, Iceland hereby notifies the EFTA Surveillance Authority/European Commission and member States that Iceland will start issuing COVID-19 **certificates of recovery** with a QR code on 9 July 2021. However, recovery certificates issued until then contain the data set out in the annex to the Regulation and should therefore be accepted by other member States.

With kind regards

Kristján Andri Stefánsson
Ambassador of Iceland to the EU

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Information concerning the implementation by Norway of Regulation (EU) 2021/953

Pursuant to Article 15(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/953, I hereby inform you that Norway has adopted and implemented the regulation in accordance with the provisions set out in the EEA Agreement and has been connected to the EU gateway since 24 June.

At present, EU Digital Corona Certificates in the format set out in Art 3 of the Regulation can be issued to all persons with a Norwegian identification number (ID number) or temporary identification number (D number). This includes vaccine, test and recovery certificates. Non-digital residents can request a certificate in paper-based format.

For other categories of persons, including visitors, a dedicated procedure for the issuance of vaccination and recovery certificates in the format set out in the Regulation is available in paper form. Finally, efforts are underway to ensure that test certificates in full conformity with the regulation (i.e. containing a unique certificate identifier or QR-code) are made available for this last category at the earliest possible opportunity. We expect this to concern only a small number of persons.

We will keep you abreast of developments.

Yours sincerely,

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