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# European Union – Update on COVID-19 Digital Certificate

On 13 June 2022, the European Council and the European Parliament agreed to extend the legislation which established the EU’s Digital COVID-19 Certificate until 30 June 2023.<sup>1</sup> The extension of the Digital COVID-19 Certificate will enable travellers in the EU and other countries connected to the EU Digital COVID-19 Certificate to continue using their digital certificate as documentation for their vaccination against COVID-19, a negative test for COVID-19, and recovery from the COVID-19 virus.<sup>2</sup>

## WHY THIS MATTERS

Documentation concerning COVID-19 is still necessary in many countries both for entry in the country and for access to public venues and means of transportation. It is therefore important that all people carrying an EU Digital COVID-19 Certificate can continue having access to their certificate.

## About COVID-19 Digital Certificate

The EU COVID-19 Digital Certificate remains a temporary measure and if the global health situation allows it, the legislation establishing the COVID-19 certificate can be repealed before 30 June 2023.

The European Council and the European Parliament also agreed that:

- the European Commission must submit a report and legislative proposals to repeal or maintain the Digital COVID-19 Certificate – the report / proposal must be submitted by 31 December 2022;
- the COVID-19 certificates must reflect all doses administered regardless of which member states administered the vaccination;
- it is possible to issue a certificate of recovery following an antigen test;

- an extension of the range of authorised antigen tests used to qualify for a COVID-19 certificate must be implemented;

persons participating in clinical trials must be allowed to carry COVID-19 certificates.

## FOOTNOTES:

1 See the European Council 13 June 2022 press release, "[COVID-19: Council and European Parliament reach a provisional political agreement to extend the regulation establishing the EU digital COVID certificate.](#)"

2 See [GMS Flash Alert 2021-266](#), 26 October 2021.

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