

ON A SEARCH OF

“DIGITAL” [x28]

“PAPER” [x15]

“PASSPORT” [x1]

“IDENTITY” [x1]

“DOCUMENT” [x7]

“DOCUMENTS” [x19]

“HEALTH CERTIFICATE” [x0]

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Article 23 Health measures on arrival and departure

23.1 1. Subject to applicable international agreements and relevant articles of these Regulations, a State Party may require for public health purposes, **whether in paper based or digital format**, on arrival or departure:

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23.1(a)(ii) information concerning the traveller’s itinerary to ascertain if there was any travel in or near an affected area or other possible contacts with infection or contamination prior to arrival, as well as review of the traveller’s health documents if they are required under these Regulations **including documents containing information for a lab test in digital or physical format including documents containing information on a laboratory test for a pathogen and/or information on vaccination against a disease, including those provided at the request of the State Party in digital /electronic form; and/or**

New 6. Documents containing information concerning traveller's destination (hereinafter Passenger Locator Forms, PLFs) should preferably be produced in digital form, with paper form as a residual option. Such information should not duplicate the information the traveller already submitted in relation to the same journey, provided the competence authority can have access to it for the purpose of contact tracing. The Health Assembly may adopt, in cooperation with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and other relevant organisations, the requirements that documents in digital or paper form shall fulfil with regard to interoperability of information technology platforms, technical requirements of health documents, as well as safeguards to reduce the risk of abuse and falsification and to ensure the protection and security of personal data contained in such documents. Documents meeting such requirements shall be recognized and accepted by all Parties. Specifications and requirements for PLFs in digital or paper form shall take into account existing widely used systems established at the regional or international level for the issuance and verification of documents. Parties which are low and lower middle-income countries shall receive assistance in accordance with Article 44 for the implementation of this provision.

Invasive medical examination, vaccination or other prophylaxis shall not be required as a condition of entry of any traveller to the territory of a State Party, except that, subject to Articles 32, 42 and 45, these Regulations do not preclude States Parties from requiring medical examination, vaccination or other prophylaxis or proof of vaccination or other prophylaxis **whether in paper based or digital format:**

No health documents, other than those provided for under these Regulations or in recommendations issued by WHO, shall be required in international traffic, provided however that this Article shall not apply to travellers seeking temporary or permanent residence, nor shall it apply to document requirements concerning the public health status of goods or cargo in international trade pursuant to applicable international agreements. The competent authority may request travellers to complete contact information forms and questionnaires on the health of travellers, provided that they meet the requirements set out in Article 23. **Digital health documents must incorporate means to verify their authenticity via retrieval from an official web site, such as a QR code.**

2. Health documents may be produced in digital or paper form, subject to the approval by the Health Assembly of the requirements that documents in digital form have to fulfil with regard to interoperability of information technology platforms, technical requirements of health documents, as well as safeguards to reduce the risk of abuse and falsification and to ensure the protection and security of personal data contained in the health documents. Health documents meeting the conditions approved by the Health Assembly shall be recognized and accepted by all Parties. Specifications and requirements for certificates in digital form shall take into account existing widely used systems established at the international level for the issuance and verification of digital certificates. Parties which are low and lower middle-income countries shall receive assistance in accordance with article 44 for the implementation of this provision.

3. Other types of proofs and certificates may be used by Parties to attest the holder's status as having a decreased risk of being the disease carrier, particularly where a vaccine or prophylaxis has not yet been made available for a disease in respect of which a public health emergency of international concern has been declared. Such proofs may include test certificates and recovery certificates. These certificates may be designed and approved by the Health Assembly according to the provisions set out for digital vaccination or prophylaxis certificates, and should be deemed as substitutes for, or be complementary to, the digital or paper certificates of vaccination or prophylaxis.

44.2.(d) (New) application of digital technologies to improve and upgrading communications for health emergency preparedness and response, including through the development of an interoperability mechanism for secure global digital exchange of health information;

[not exactly travel related but "exchange of health information" could be part of that?]

VACCINATION, PROPHYLAXIS AND RELATED CERTIFICATES

When a public health emergency of international concern has been declared, for the purposes of entry and exit of international travellers in a scenario of voluntary vaccination using products still at the research phase or subject to very limited availability, vaccination certificates should be considered approved in accordance with the normative framework of the country of origin, including with reference to the model/format of certification and the vaccination schedule (type of vaccine and schedule).

Conditions for digital documents:

Paper certificates must be assigned by the clinician indicating the administration of the vaccine or other prophylaxis, or by another duly authorized health professional. Digital certificates must incorporate a means to verify authenticity from an official web site, for example a QR code[5].

[5]Footnote 5:

⁵ Vaccination certificates for entry to and exit from national territory:

Two scenarios for the data to be included on certificates:

Minimum scenario:

Presentation of certificate/proof in paper format.

Irrespective of the format, the following data should be present:

- 1. First name(s) and family name**
- 2. No. of national identity document/passport**
- 3. Type of vaccine: for example yellow fever, poliomyelitis, measles**
- 4. Vaccine batch no. (optional, if available)**
- 5. Date of administration**
- 6. Place of administration (vaccinator)**
- 7. Official stamp (or of the health professional or institution)**

Maximum scenario:

Certification of vaccination history via QR code

1. Vaccination history is accredited in digital or paper format, via QR code
2. QR code directs to the official site of the country of origin to retrieve the vaccination information.

Diseases in the process of elimination/eradication

2. Persons undergoing vaccination or other prophylaxis under these Regulations shall be provided

with an international certificate of vaccination or prophylaxis (hereinafter the “certificate”) in the **digital or paper** form specified in this Annex **or in any digital format as being used in the country** . International certificates may be issued in digital or paper form in accordance with Article 35 and with the specifications and requirements approved and reviewed periodically by the Health Assembly. Such specifications and requirements should enable flexibility in terms of their validation and acceptance taking into account applicable national and regional rules and the need for rapid modifications due to changing epidemiological contexts. In order to enhance transparency specifications and requirements should be based on open standards and implemented as open source. The paper certificates shall be issued in the form specified in this Annex. No departure shall be made in the paper certificates from the model of the certificate specified in this Annex.

3. Certificates under this Annex **or any digital format** are valid only if the vaccine or prophylaxis used has been approved by WHO **or/and by State Parties**.

4. **For paper-based format**, Certificates must be signed in the hand of the clinician, who shall be a medical practitioner or other authorized health worker, supervising the administration of the vaccine or prophylaxis. The certificate must also bear the official stamp of the administering centre; however, this shall not be an accepted substitute for the signature. **Signatures and stamps may also be appended digitally by the clinician or the administering centre, or by the health authority on their behalf, in accordance with Article 35 and with the specifications and requirements approved and reviewed periodically by the Health Assembly.**

4bis For digital format, certificates must be presented with QR code that contains the information mentioned on the Model International Certificate of Vaccinations or Prophylaxis and should be aligned with any current guidelines or/and agreed by State Parties

(...)

8. A parent or guardian shall sign the certificate when the child **or a person with disability** is unable to write. The signature of an illiterate shall be indicated in the usual manner by the person's mark and the indication by another that this is the mark of the person concerned. **Such signatures shall not be required on a vaccination certificate in digital form.**

(...)

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[Below the "digital form" is this para:]

To confer authenticity when appropriate, scan the official site, such as the QR code or other verification method QR code image

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[There's no Annex 7 - no amendments?

but Annex 7 is referred to in previous paras and in this Annex 8]

ANNEX 8

MODEL OF MARITIME DECLARATION OF HEALTH

(...)

New 10) Is there a traveler without the required vaccination in Annex 7? If not..... If yes, please provide the details in the attached form. “To verify the authenticity by scanning the official site, such as QR code or other verification method QR code image

**FORM ATTACHED TO THE MARITIME DECLARATION OF HEALTH MODEL
Include the column “Vaccination according to Annex 7”**