

SUBJECT: Clarifications regarding the Green Pass and its cross-border use and regarding the Digital Passenger Locator Form.

According to the latest Italian legislation, as for the Decree (DPCM) dated 17 June 2021 and the Ministry of Public Health ordinance dated 18 June 2021, nonetheless according to article 49, paragraph 4, let. b of the Italian Government Decree dated 2 March 2021, it is necessary to clarify that **the control of Green Passes** released according to article 9 of the Decree (DL) no. 52 of 22 April 2021 and in compliance with the European Regulations no. 2021/953 and 2021/954 of 14 June 2021, **shall be realized by transport companies during the boarding of passengers** on the specific mean of transport which aims to enter Italian borders. These controls shall ensure that the passenger has all the requirements to lawfully enter Italian borders. These entails for citizens who transited or stayed for the previous 14 days in one of the countries enclosed in the **list C** (EU States, Switzerland, Iceland, Norway, Lichtenstein and Israel), as well as Canada, Japan or United States, the obligation to show a valid certificate to demonstrate:

- The completion of the entire vaccination course at least 14 days before the arrival to Italy, and with one of the vaccines approved by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and by the Italian Medicines Agency (Agenzia Italiana del Farmaco – AIFA);
Or
- The full recovery from Covid-19, together with evidences of having completed the period of self-isolation (the recovery certificate has a validity of 180 days from the date of the first swab molecular positive test);
Or
- Having undergone a molecular or antigenic swab test within 48 hours before the arrival to Italy.

Regarding citizens coming from countries included in **list D** and **list E**, previous rules established by the Italian Government DPCM dated 2 March 2021 and following decrees of the Ministry of Public Health shall be applied, unless new changes occur due to the evolution of the pandemic.

Differently, concerning arrivals from the **UK**, people coming to Italy shall present to the transport company the Green Certificate that demonstrate the undergone of an antigenic or molecular swab test within 48 hour before the arrival. Concurrently, they shall communicate their entrance to the Prevention Department of the competent Local Health Authority (Azienda Sanitaria Locale - ASL) and respect a period of 5 days of self-isolation, at the end of which they shall undergo a molecular or antigenic swab test.

The obligation to communicate the entrance within the Italian territory to the Prevention Department of the competent ASL persists for arrivals from UK, countries enclosed in list D and in list E (with sole exception of Canada, Japan and United States).

Transport companies shall carefully consider that showing one of the aforementioned certifications constitutes a legal obligation; therefore, we recommend giving appropriate explanation of such obligation to the passengers before the departure, in order to grant their full compliance while carrying out controls as defined by the current legislation.

The lack of controls in line with the current legal obligations stated by the Ministry of Public Health Decree of 18 June 2021 qualifies grounds for sanctions from the competent authorities, according to art. 4 of the Decree of 19 June 2020.

Valid certifications shall be released in Italian, English, French or Spanish.

Conforming to operational guidelines approved, we remind that also public officials in the exercise of their duties may carry out certification controls, as for the USMAF personnel for what regards health monitoring, in line with the International Health Regulations, or for the Border Patrol.

In conclusion, we recall that in order to enter the Italian territory it is necessary that individuals over six years of age not entitled of a certification of completion of the vaccination course or of a Covid-19 recovery certification undergo a molecular or antigenic swab test.

Covid-19 Green Pass and its control

We hereby communicate that starting from 1 July 2021 the European Regulation regarding EU Digital Covid Certificate will enter into force in Italy and in the other countries of the European Union. This Regulation establishes the possibility to travel within countries of the European Union presenting a Covid-19 Green Pass, which certifies the completed vaccination against Covid-19, the recovery from Covid-19 or the undergone of a molecular or antigenic swab test. These certificates, which may be via paper or in digital form, will be released with a common format at least in double language for all member States, and will enclose a QR Code. The structure of these certificates, the authorities entitled of their release and of their controls are defined in the Italian Government DPCM dated 17 June 2021. Airlines, maritime transport companies, inland transport companies' staff, and their delegates are included among certifications verifiers, together with public officials in the exercise of their duties. In order to verify such certifications it is necessary to download the specific free app (VerificaC19), available in stores. Therefore, it is enclosed the User Manual for verifiers, as drafted by this Ministry (Attachment 1).

Taking into consideration that the Regulations will take its effects in all member States starting from 1 July 2021, until this date it will be possible to accept Green Passes admitted according to article 9, paragraph 2, of the Decree dated 22 April 2021, n. 52.

Moreover, the EU Regulation no. 2021/953 establishes an interim phase until 12 August 2021, seeing that not all member States will be able to release the certificates stated by article 3, paragraph 1 of the foreseen Regulation starting from 1 July 2021. Before this date, it will be allowed to accept certificates in a format compliant to the provisions of the Regulation, containing a set of data required by the aforementioned legislation.

Concerning the certificates released by non EU States (Israel, Canada, Japan and United States), it is necessary to clarify that, in line with the statements provided in the EU Recommendation no. 2021/912 dated 20 May 2021, vaccination certificates released by the competent national Authorities of these countries shall contain at least the following information:

- Data to identify the individual;
- Data regarding the kind of vaccine given and the dates (if more than one) of the administration.

We hereby remind that certificates shall be accepted only if available in Italian, English, French or Spanish. Whether the certificate has not been released in bilingual version and not in one of the foreseen languages determined by the Ministry of Public Health ordinance dated 18 June 2021, we recall the necessity of presenting also a certified translation.

The categories of vaccines currently accepted in Italy in order to enter from countries enclosed in list C, Canada, Japan and United States are:

1. Comirnaty by Pfizer-BioNtech;
2. Moderna;
3. Vaxzevria by AstraZeneca;
4. Janssen (Johnson & Johnson).

When referring to the completion of the vaccination course required, this shall be read as two shots for the first three kinds of vaccines included in the list and one shot for the fourth. Nevertheless, for people recovered from Covid-19, the completion of the vaccination course required is reached after the administration of one sole shot of one of the four vaccines admitted.

According to the Decree no. 65 dated 18 May 2021 **Covid-19 Green Pass for completion of the vaccination course have a validity period of 9 months from the administration of the last shot (if more than one).**

In this regard, the format for vaccination certificates released by United States authorities and by Israeli authorities are enclosed (Attachment 2). Concerning the certificates released by Japan, they are currently available only in Japanese and will be shared in English in the following weeks. Instead, for Canadian certificates the release falls within the competences of the local Authorities of each Canadian district.

Recovery certificates share a standard format for all European Union Member States, which will release them in compliance with the EU Regulation no. 2021/953, taking effects from 1 July 2021. We hereby remind that some States, including Italy, are already releasing these certificates, in compliance with the Regulation and with a validity of 180 days from the positive molecular swab test.

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Regarding certificates released by third States enlisted in the Ministry of Public Health Decree dated 18 June 2021, it is required for the authorities appointed for the control process to verify authenticity, integrity and language of release, according to the foreseen Ministry of Public Health Decree dated 18 June 2021.

Digital Passenger Locator Form

For all arrivals from other countries, we hereby remind that for public safety purposes **it constitutes legal obligation for the passenger to fill the Digital Locator Passenger Form (dPlf) and for the transport companies to verify it while boarding.**

Whether a passenger – due to technical issues – has not filled the dPlf, the transport company shall collect the self-declaration via paper, verify its accuracy (meaning that the form shall be readable and completely filled) and save it for **at least 30 days, in line with art. 52, paragraph 1 of the DPCM dated 2 March 2021.** If a Covid-19 positive passenger who travelled on a public mean of transport is acknowledged, the transport company shall file the Passengers List and all the paper self-declaration collected for that trip to the Italian Health Authority without undue delay.

In closing, we hereby recall that in order to guarantee an efficient contact tracing of in-flight contacts of a person resulted positive to Covid-19, it is **crucial** for this Ministry of Public Health to acknowledge the seat number where each passenger was seated during the flight. Therefore, the airline company shall always track and demonstrate potential shifts of seat, which took place during each phase of the flight, and which should always be deterred. Whether it would not be possible to identify close contacts engaged by the Covid-19 positive individual during the flight, all passengers of the flight shall mandatorily quarantine.

