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Ordinance on Certificates to Prove COVID-19 Vaccination, COVID-19 Recovery or a COVID-19 Test Result (COVID-19 Certificates Ordinance)

of 4 June 2021 (Status as of 1 April 2022)

The Swiss National Council,

based on the Epidemics Act (EpidemicsAct) of 18 December 2015[1] (EpidemicsAct),

ordains:

[1] SR 818.101

↓ Section 1 Subject Matter

↓ Art. 1

This Ordinance regulates:

a. the issuance, validity, issuance and revocation of the following COVID-19 certificates to prove:

1. vaccination against COVID-19 (COVID-19 vaccination certificate),
2. recovery from Sars-CoV-2 infection (COVID-19 recovery certificate),
3. a negative result following Sars-CoV-2 test analysis (COVID-19 test certificate),

b. the specifications for verifying these certificates;

c. the recognition of corresponding foreign certificates;

d. the information system for issuance of the certificates in connection with these certificates;

e. the data offered by the Confederation for certificate holders and checkers;

f. the tasks of the cantons in connection with issuing and revoking certificates;

g. the fees payable for certificates issued abroad.

[1] Version according to the Federal Decree of 18 June 2021 (Bundesbeschluss vom 18. Juni 2021) (Legal basis of COVID-19 Certificates ordinance), with effect from 17 Nov. 2021 (AS **2021** 701).

[2] Inserted by No. I of the of 17 Dec. 2021, in force since 17 Dec. 2021 (AS **2021** 701).

↓ Section 2 Issuance, Form and Revocation of COVID-19 Certificates

↓ Art. 2 Request

Any person wishing to obtain a COVID-19 certificate must submit a request to an issuer specified in Article 6 or 7.

↓ Art. 3 Information and identification of the requesting person

[1] The issuer shall inform the requesting person about:

a. the type and extent of the data processing required to create and sign the COVID-19 certificate;

b. the possibility to verify the data that will be included in the certificate;

c. the security measures to be taken when using certificates, with presentation of an identity document for this purpose where necessary.

↓ Art. 4 Retrieval of the COVID-19 certificate from the system for issuing COVID-19 certificates

[1] The issuer shall transmit the information to be included in the certificate to the system operated by the Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH) for issuing and revoking certificates for issuing COVID-19 certificates in accordance with Article 16.

[2] The system generates the certificate. It shall transmit it to the issuer, provided the issuer is responsible for transmitting or delivering the certificate to the requesting person.

↓ Art. 5 Transmission or delivery of the COVID-19 certificate to the requesting person

[1] The issuer shall ensure the rapid and secure transmission or delivery of the COVID-19 certificate to the requesting person.

[2] The issuer is responsible for compliance with data protection requirements during transmission and delivery. In particular, it must be ensured that third parties are unable to obtain knowledge of the information contained in the certificate.

[3] The Confederation may propose to the cantons that it take care of printing the certificates in hard copy and transmitting them to the requesting persons.

[4] It shall charge the cantons for the costs of printing and transmitting COVID-19 vaccination certificates in accordance with Article 3 of the Fees for Health Care Ordinance.

[5] Inserted by the of 18 June 2021, in force since 1 July 2021 (AS **2021** 411).

↓ Art. 6 General provisions concerning the issuers of COVID-19 certificates

[1] The cantons and the Surgeon General shall designate the respective issuers for the various types of COVID-19 certificates.

[2] Issuers shall be robust persons who:

a. have the necessary expertise to assess the requirements for issuing certificates;

b. use IT systems and products that allow issuers to fulfil the tasks assigned to them securely and authentically;

c. guarantee compliance with the applicable law and in particular with this Ordinance, the Federal Act on Data Protection (FADP) and the Ordinance 3 (FADP) of the Swiss Confederation, and the following information:

1. first name, surname, address, email address and telephone number of the issuer;
2. details of the identification procedure used and the identifier this procedure uses to identify the person concerned;
3. the name of the organization the issuer is authorized to issue;
4. the date on which designation issuer and issuer ceases;

f. the designated issuers may call on the services of other persons to whom they have the right to transfer the tasks to issue certificates. They shall be responsible for the acts and omissions of these persons.

[3] The cantons and the Surgeon General shall supervise the issuance and revocation of certificates by the issuers in accordance with the applicable federal and cantonal provisions.

[4] They shall revoke such designation if there are clear indications that the issuer no longer meets the requirements or that it has not duly fulfilled its obligations in connection with the issuance of certificates.

[5] Inserted by the of 17 Dec. 2021, in force since 17 Dec. 2021 (AS **2021** 701).

↓ Art. 7 Issuers for the retrospective issuance of COVID-19 vaccination certificates and COVID-19 recovery certificates[1]

[1] The cantons and the Surgeon General shall ensure that in the following cases requests for a COVID-19 certificate in accordance with Article 2 can be processed, provided the requirements in paragraph 1 letter a are processed, even if an issuer under Article 6 has to access the relevant medical history or primary documentation for this purpose:[2]

a. where the persons concerned have received vaccination or recovered from an infection confirmed by a molecular biological analysis in Switzerland;

b.[3] where the persons concerned have received vaccination or recovered from an infection confirmed by a molecular biological analysis abroad:

1. Swiss citizens,
2. foreign nationals holding a short-stay, residence, settlement or cross-border commuter permit under Articles 32–35 of the Foreign Nationals and Integration Act of 16 December 2005[4] (FNIA),
3. temporarily admitted persons under Article 83 paragraph 7 FNIA,
4. persons in need of protection under Article 66 of the Asylum Act of 26 June 1998[5] (AsylumAct),
5. asylum seekers holding a permit or confirmation under Article 30 of the Asylum Ordinance 1 of 11 August 1999[6],
6. persons holding a legitimate interest under Article 17 of the Asylum Ordinance of 11 December 2007[7],
7. persons in need of protection under Article 32 paragraph 3 of the Vest Status Ordinance,[8]

[1] They shall designate at least one issuer for dealing with such requests.

[2] The request for issuance of a COVID-19 vaccination certificate or COVID-19 recovery certificate under paragraph 1 must be submitted in an official language of the canton, in English or an officially certified translation into one of these languages must be provided together with the requisite proof. Article 3 paragraphs 1 and 2 apply by analogy.

[3] If there is any doubt as to whether the documents submitted are genuine, the issuer may:

a. demand that the requesting person:

1. appear in person,
2. submit officially certified documents,
3. submit the information or documents required to assess the request,

b. obtain further information from the competent foreign authorities in compliance with the applicable law and the relevant international law.

[4] If there is still doubt as to whether the documents submitted are genuine despite taking the foregoing measures, the issuer may decline the request. In such an event, the requesting person is not entitled to a refund of any fee paid.[9]

[1] Amended by Annex No. II of the of 17 Dec. 2021, in force since 17 Jan. 2022 (AS **2021** 901).

[2] Inserted by No. I of the of 17 Dec. 2021, in force since 17 Dec. 2021 (AS **2021** 701).

[3] Inserted by Annex No. II of the of 17 Dec. 2021, in force since 17 Jan. 2022 (AS **2021** 901).

[4] Amended by Ref. of the of 16 Dec. 2022 (Entry into force of COVID-19 Ordinance only until in Switzerland), in force since 17 Dec. 2022 (AS **2022** 852).

[5] **RS 142.31**

[6] **RS 142.312**

[7] **RS 142.311**

[8] **RS 142.201**

[9] Inserted by No. I of the of 17 Dec. 2021, in force since 17 Dec. 2021 (AS **2021** 701).

↓ Art. 7a[1] Issuers of COVID-19 test certificates for targeted and repetitive tests

The cantons shall ensure that in the following cases requests for a COVID-19 test certificate are processed:

a. in the case of pooled molecular biological analyses for Sars-CoV-2:

1. targeted and repetitive tests in hospitals, homes for the elderly and care institutions for the prevention and early detection of outbreaks,
2. targeted and repetitive tests in hospitals, homes for the elderly and care homes, and in other socio-medical institutions and facilities for medical treatment or care, for rehabilitation or for socio-professional rehabilitation or occupational therapy,
3. targeted and repetitive tests in kindergartens,

b. in the case of individual molecular biological analyses for Sars-CoV-2 carried out in accordance with the Ordinance on Prevention and Control of Communicable Human Diseases[2] (Ordinance 1) under Article 27 paragraph 1 letter a.

[1] Inserted by No. I of the of 16 Dec. 2022 (Entry into force of COVID-19 Ordinance only until in Switzerland), in force since 17 Dec. 2022 (AS **2022** 852).

↓ Art. 8 Automated procedure for issuing COVID-19 recovery certificates

[1] For the purpose of issuing COVID-19 recovery certificates pursuant to Article 7b paragraph 1, the cantons may provide for an automated procedure for the transmission of the information on recovery from the information system in accordance with Article 60 of the Ordinance of 29 September 2017[1] and compare it with the information in the request.[2]

[2] The first possible the requesting person with an electronic request form supplied by the Confederation.

[3] The information with the data retrieved from the information system shows that the requesting person is entitled to a certificate and, the system for issuing COVID-19 certificates (Art. 2) shall generate the certificate.

[4] If the result of the comparison is negative, the competent cantonal authority shall contact the requesting person and manually check whether the requirements for issuing a certificate are met.

The cantons shall ensure that the requesting person may also submit the request in hard copy or in an electronic valuable form.

[1] **RS 916.408**

[2] Amended by No. I of the of 16 Feb. 2022 (Entry into force of COVID-19 Ordinance only until in Switzerland), in force since 17 Feb. 2022 (AS **2022** 90).

↓ Art. 9 Form of the COVID-19 certificates

[1] The requesting person has chosen to have the COVID-19 certificate issued in hard copy or electronic format.

[2] The COVID-19 certificates have a regulated electronic seal of the Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH) as the means of verification of the authenticity and integrity of the information.

[3] Both forms of certificate display the content as a human-readable text and machine-readable code (barcode). However, the barcode and the data stored in it is sealed electronically and contains the following information:

a. the unique certificate identifier;

b. information on the identity of the person to revoke the certificate was made.[1]

[2] The FOPH and the competent cantonal authorities shall document the revocation of certificates with the following information:

a. the unique certificate identifier;

b. the reason for the revocation and the decision to revoke the certificate was made.[1]

[1] Inserted by No. I of the of 17 Dec. 2021, in force since 20 Sept. 2021 (AS **2021** 701).

↓ Art. 11[1] Free of charge

[1] The requesting person shall not be charged for the issuance or revocation of COVID-19 certificates other than in the cases specified in paragraph 2.

[2] The cantons may make provision for issuers to charge an appropriate share of the costs in the following cases:

a. when a request has to be repeated because the data provided by the requesting person is incorrect or incomplete;

b. when issuing a certificate to persons under Article 7 paragraph 1 letter a who are not permanently or habitually resident in the canton concerned or to persons who have obtained refuse their place of residence or domicile or origin is not in the canton concerned.

[3] Paragraph 2 letter b does not apply when the cantons have delegated the tasks.

[1] Amended by No. I of the of 17 Dec. 2021, in force since 17 Dec. 2021 (AS **2021** 701).

↓ Section 3 General Content of All COVID-19 Certificates

↓ Art. 12

[1] All COVID-19 certificates shall contain the following information in accordance with Annex 1:

a. details of the identity of the holder;

b. details of the electronic seal;

[2] COVID-19 certificates for human medicines that also contain a general statement on the meaning of the certificate in accordance with Annex 1 number 3.

[1] Amended by No. I of the of 17 Dec. 2021, in force since 17 Dec. 2021 (AS **2021** 701).

[2] Inserted by No. I of the of 17 Dec. 2021, in force since 17 Dec. 2021 (AS **2021** 701).

↓ Section 4 COVID-19 Vaccination Certificates

↓ Art. 13 Requirements

[1] A COVID-19 vaccination certificate shall be issued for vaccines that:

a. are authorized in Switzerland;

b. are listed in the World Health Organization Agency for the EU in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 726/2004[1];

c. are authorized in accordance with the WHO Emergency Use Listing or

d. can be shown to have the same composition as a vaccine authorized in accordance with letters a, b or c, but which is marketed by the Ivanos holder under another name (licensed products).[2]

[2] A COVID-19 vaccination certificate shall be issued for which the:

a. at the time of vaccination,

b. at the time of the completion of the administration of the vaccine, including the information in accordance with Annex 1 is evident from the medical history or primary documentation that the issuer has on the person requesting the certificate,

c. subsequent to the vaccination it is medical history or primary documentation is available and administration of the vaccine, including the information in accordance with Annex 1 is evident from the medical history or primary documentation that the issuer has on the person requesting the certificate.

[3] The information in accordance with Annex 1 shall be provided in a machine-readable form and establishing a European Medicines Agency, (EU) 136, 30.4.2004, p. 1, last amended by Regulation (EU) No 2019/6, OJ L 5 7.2019, p. 24.

[1] Amended by No. I of the of 17 Sept. 2021, in force since 20 Sept. 2021 (AS **2021** 550).

[2] **RS 818.101**

[3] Amended by No. I of the of 17 Dec. 2021, in force since 17 Dec. 2021 (AS **2021** 701).

↓ Art. 14[1] Content

In addition to the general content of COVID-19 certificates, COVID-19 vaccination certificates shall contain the details in accordance with Annex 2 on the COVID-19 vaccination carried out, and information on the vaccine that has been administered in each case.

[1] Amended by No. I of the of 17 Dec. 2021, in force since 17 Dec. 2021 (AS **2021** 701).

↓ Art. 15 Validity

[1] The start and duration of the validity of COVID-19 vaccination certificates are governed by Annex 2.

[2] The period of validity begins at the earliest on the day on which the final dose is administered, provided the vaccine is authorized in full in accordance with the requirements of Annex 2.[1]

[1] Amended by No. I of the of 30 June 2021, in force since 1 July 2021 (AS **2021** 411).

[2] Inserted by No. I of the of 17 Dec. 2021, in force since 17 Dec. 2021 (AS **2021** 701).

[3] Amended by No. I of the of 16 Dec. 2022 (Entry into force of COVID-19 Ordinance only until in Switzerland), with effect from 17 Dec. 2022 (AS **2022** 852).

↓ Section 5 COVID-19 Recovery Certificates

↓ Art. 16[1] Requirements

[1] A COVID-19 recovery certificate shall be issued when a person has been infected with Sars-CoV-2 and has recovered from the resulting illness, provided the infection has been confirmed by a molecular biological analysis in the case of Sars-CoV-2.

[2] A request to be issued with a COVID-19 recovery certificate pursuant to paragraph 1 for an infection from which the person concerned has recovered shall be accompanied by the following documents:

a. proof of a positive molecular biological analysis for Sars-CoV-2 in accordance with paragraph 1 that includes the following information:

1. the date of the sample taken,
2. the name and brand of the sample test kit,
3. the date and results of the test carried out,
4. the laboratory in which the test was carried out,

b. confirmation of termination of isolation or a medical certificate confirming recovery from the resulting illness with the date of the recovery, including the issuer and address of the authority.

[3] Amended by No. I of the of 16 Feb. 2022 (Entry into force of COVID-19 Ordinance only until in Switzerland), in force since 17 Feb. 2022 (AS **2022** 90).

↓ Art. 17[1] Content

In addition to the general content of COVID-19 certificates, COVID-19 recovery certificates shall specify that the holder contracted COVID-19 in latest positive for COVID-19 antibodies, as well as the date of the sample taken that underpin specified in accordance with Annex 2 and the date of the 2 were carried out.

[1] Amended by No. I of the of 16 Feb. 2022 (Entry into force of COVID-19 Ordinance only until in Switzerland), in force since 17 Feb. 2022 (AS **2022** 90).

↓ Art. 18 Validity

[1] The start and duration of the validity of COVID-19 recovery certificates are governed by Annex 2.

[2] A COVID-19 recovery certificate pursuant to Article 16 paragraph 1 shall be valid at the earliest from the eleventh day after infection was confirmed.[1]

[1] **Text in "[...]"**

[2] COVID-19 recovery certificates pursuant to Article 16 paragraph 1 shall contain an expiry date that is comparable with the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2021/953[1] Under Annex 2 number 2.1 letter a and Regulation (EU) 2021/953 Annex 2 number 2.1.

[1] Amended by No. I of the of 16 Feb. 2022 (Entry into force of COVID-19 Ordinance only until in Switzerland), in force since 20 Jan. 2022 (AS **2022** 90).

[2] Amended by No. I of the of 17 Dec. 2021, in force since 17 Dec. 2021 (AS **2021** 701).

[3] Amended by No. I of the of 16 Feb. 2022 (Entry into force of COVID-19 Ordinance only until in Switzerland), in force since 17 Feb. 2022 (AS **2022** 90).

[4] Amended by No. I of the of 16 Dec. 2022 (Entry into force of COVID-19 Ordinance only until in Switzerland), with effect from 17 Dec. 2022 (AS **2022** 852).

↓ Section 6 COVID-19 Test Certificates

↓ Art. 19 Requirements

[1] A COVID-19 test certificate shall be issued in the event of a negative result of:

a. a molecular biological analysis for Sars-CoV-2;

b. a Sars-CoV-2 rapid test for specialist use in accordance with Article 24 of the COVID-19 Ordinance 1 of 19 June 2020[1] (Ordinance 1) based on a sample taken from the upper respiratory tract;

c. laboratory immunological analysis for Sars-CoV-2 antigens, provided:

1. the analysis was carried out by a laboratory in accordance with Article 16 of the Epidemics Act of 18 December 2015[2],
2. the sample taken from the upper respiratory tract (Sars-CoV-2 Antigen Test) or the sample was taken by the specialist in Annex 2 number 2.2 letter a of the COVID-19 Ordinance 2, and
3. the test is not based on a sample taken solely from the nasal cavity or an saliva sample.

[1] The FOPH shall determine the rapid test of Sars-CoV-2 rapid tests in accordance with paragraph 1 letter b of laboratory immunological analysis for Sars-CoV-2 antigens in accordance with paragraph 1 letter c, and publish it on its website.[3]

[2] COVID-19 test certificates may not be issued for analyses for Sars-CoV-2 in the following cases:

a. to persons who have symptoms;

b. to persons who have or may be infected persons living in the same household or on a similar way have had close and regular contact with:

1. persons who have symptoms or who have or may have been confirmed or is probable and who has symptoms in the 48 hours prior to the sampling and for 5 days thereafter,
2. persons who have been tested with Sars-CoV-2 has been confirmed but who is asymptomatic in the 48 hours prior to the sample being taken and with the person want into isolation,

c. in an authorized investigation and control scheme by a doctor;

d. to persons who have been notified by the Swiss COVID app that they have potentially been exposed to the coronavirus and are in quarantine or isolation;

e. to persons who have been tested positive in a Sars-CoV-2 rapid test for specialist use or in a Sars-CoV-2 self test.[4]

[1] Requests for test certificates may be submitted at the latest when the sample is taken.

[2] Amended by No. I of the of 17 Dec. 2021, in force since 10 Nov. 2021 (AS **2021** 701).

[3] **RS 818.101.24**

[4] Inserted by Annex No. II of the of 17 Dec. 2021, in force since 10 Nov. 2021 (AS **2021** 701).

↓ Art. 20

[1] Amended by No. I of the of 16 June 2021 (AS **2021** 411).

[2] Amended by No. I of the of 17 Aug. 2021 (AS **2021** 537).

[3] Amended by Annex No. II of the of 17 Dec. 2021, in force since 10 Nov. 2021 (AS **2021** 701).

↓ Art. 20 Content

[1] COVID-19 test certificates shall be valid from the time they are issued.

[2] The duration of validity is governed by Annex 2.

[3] Staff by a maximum of 72 hours from the time the sample was taken.

↓ Section 6a ...

↓ Art. 21a–21c[1]

[1] Inserted by No. I of the of 17 Dec. 2021, in force since 20 Sept. 2021 (AS **2021** 701).

[2] Amended by No. I of the of 17 Dec. 2021, in force since 17 Dec. 2021 (AS **2021** 701).

↓ Section 7 Foreign Certificates

↓ Art. 22 Recognition of certificates issued by an EU member state or an EFTA state

[1] The recognized vaccinations, recovery and test certificates issued by a member state of the European Union or a state of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) are to be treated as Swiss certificates.

[2] The Federal Department of Home Affairs (FDHA) shall update Annex 5 continuously in consultation with the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) and the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA).[1]

[3] The FDHA shall include in the Ordinance that were issued in accordance with the provisions applicable in the EU and whose scope of application corresponds to that of this Ordinance, provided the corresponding certificates issued by Switzerland are recognized by the EU.

[1] Amended by No. I of the of 17 Dec. 2021, in force since 17 Dec. 2021 (AS **2021** 701).

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Commercial/proprietary/for the authorisation/approval of medicinal products for human and veterinary use, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 and Regulation (EC) No 1234/2008 and Directive 2001/83/EC, OJ L 2019/1, p.43-121, 7.1.2019, p. 26.

⇗ Art. 21 Recognition of other foreign certificates

1 The recognition of certificates attesting vaccination against COVID-19 meaning that have not been issued by an EU or EFTA member state are linked in Annex 5.

2 As soon as the Europäische Gemeinschaft has decided on recognizing the equivalence of one or more interoperable certificates from a state or region, the FOPH shall update Annex 5 accordingly and publish the new version of Annex 5 in the Official Collection of Laws and Decrees 3 which grant fundamental legal rights.[1]

[1] This may include certificates from other states or regions provided the following requirements are met:[2]

a. The foreign certificate contains the information specified in Article 12 and in Annex 15.1.F or corresponds with the mentioned annexes;

b. The information under letter a can be checked electronically for authenticity, integrity and validity;

c. Requirements equivalent to those under the Ordinance apply to the issuance of the respective certificates;

d. It shall deliver those certificates that no longer meet the requirements from the list.

[2] Amended by Ref. of the 27 Nov. 2021 (COVID Recovery Certificates for Rapid Antigen Tests), in force since 27 Nov. 2021 (**BBl 2021 3071**).

[3] Amended by Ref. of the 27 Nov. 2021 (COVID Recovery Certificates for Rapid Antigen Tests), in force since 27 Nov. 2021 (**BBl 2021 3071**).

⇗ Art. 24 Significance of recognition

Recognized foreign certificates shall be equivalent to the COVID-19-certificates issued in accordance with this Ordinance. In particular, the rules for shorting and verifying certificates (Arts. 20 and 23) shall then be a certificate issued in accordance with this Ordinance.

⇗ Section 8 Federal Information Systems and Software Provided by the Confederation

⇗ Art. 25 System for managing electronically signed certificates

[1] The FOITT shall operate an information system that is used to the following for electronically signed certificates in order to check the authenticity, integrity and validity of electronic signatures COVID-19-certificates:

a. exchange them with corresponding foreign systems, particularly within the framework of the EU Digital COVID Certificate system of the European Union;

b. make them available to the apps that are used to store and verify certificates.

[2] Amended by Ref. of the 27 Nov. 2021 (COVID Recovery Certificates for Rapid Antigen Tests), in force since 27 Nov. 2021 (**BBl 2021**).

⇗ Art. 26 Data source and retrieval of certificates with data minimization

[1] The FOITT shall operate an information system for generating, transmitting and revoking COVID-19-certificates.

[2] The personal data of requesting persons may not be retained for longer than is necessary for generating, signing and transmitting the certificate, or for revoking it.

[3] In order to detect and prevent misuse and for the purpose of any subsequent revocation of certificates, the information system shall save revoked COVID-19-certificates.

⇗ Art. 26a[1] System for requesting COVID-19-certificates for vaccination against COVID-19

[1] The FOITT shall operate a system that is used to process requests for certificates according to paragraph 1 letter a and by proxies to process these requests.

[2] The system shall allocate the requests for the issuance of a certificate to a person resident or with place of origin in Switzerland as follows:

a. in the case of persons resident in Switzerland: to the canton of residence;

b. in the case of Swiss citizens living abroad, to the last canton of residence; or if the canton of last resort cannot be determined the canton in which the last recognized origin is located;

c. in all other cases: to the canton in which the person was last habitually resident.[2]

[3] The requests, the documents submitted and the unique identifiers identified shall be retained for a period of 5 years after the end of the validity period.

[1] Amended by Ref. of the 17 Dec. 2021, in force since 17 Dec. 2021 (**BBl 2021**).

[2] Amended by Ref. of the 25 of 19 Feb. 2022 (Expiry of COVID-19 Certificates only valid in Switzerland), in force since 21 Mar. 2022 (**BBl 2022 395**).

[3] Repealed by Ref. of the 25 of 19 Feb. 2022 (Expiry of COVID-19 Certificates only valid in Switzerland), with effect from 1 Mar. 2022 (**BBl 2022 395**).

⇗ Art. 27 System for retrieving revoked certificates

[1] The FOITT shall operate a system that is used to retrieve revoked certificates and contains the unique certificate identifier for this purpose.

[2] The unique certificate identifiers shall be made available to apps used for checking and revoking COVID-19-certificates.

⇗ Art. 28 Storage app General[1]

[1] The FOITT shall provide software that the holders of COVID-19-certificates can install on their mobile telephones and use to store the data for the secure transmission and electronic storage of certificates.

[2] The following principles apply to the software:

a. It may retrieve the contents of certificates or make statements about it with with the holder's consent in the individual case.

b. It may only transmit the data to authorized agents and unauthorized access by means of appropriate frameworks.

c. The FOITT shall publish the source code and technical specifications for the software it makes available.

[3] The software shall indicate to the holder the access categories in accordance with Annex 6 Section 1 and the purpose of the access in each case.

[1] Amended by Ref. of the 25 of 19 June 2021, in force since 19 June 2021 (**BBl 2021 1411**).

[2] Amended by Ref. of the 25 of 19 Feb. 2022 (Expiry of COVID-19 Certificates only valid in Switzerland), in force since 21 Mar. 2022 (**BBl 2022 395**).

⇗ Art. 28a[1] Storage app Retrieval of certificates with data minimization

[1] The app for storing COVID-19-certificates shall enable holders to obtain a certificate with data minimization for use in Switzerland.

[2] So as, the holder use the app to send a COVID-19-certificate to the system for issuing COVID-19-certificates, the app shall create a code. This system generates the corresponding certificate and send it to the storage app.

[3] The certificate with data minimization contains:

a. the general content in accordance with Article 12 letter a and Annex 1 section 1;

b. the designation of Swiss COVID-19-certificate with data minimization;

c. the expiry date.

[4] The period of validity of the certificate with data minimization shall correspond to the shortest remaining period of validity of the underlying certificates with Annex 5 Sections 1 and 2 and in any case after the corresponding certificate expires.

[1] Amended by Ref. of the 25 of 19 June 2021, in force since 19 June 2021 (**BBl 2021 1411**).

[2] Amended by Ref. of the 25 of 19 Feb. 2022 (Expiry of COVID-19 Certificates only valid in Switzerland), in force since 21 Mar. 2022 (**BBl 2022 395**).

⇗ Art. 29 Verification app

[1] The FOITT shall provide one or more software programs that can be installed on mobile telephones and tablets and used for the electronic verification of the authenticity, integrity, validity and completeness with the access categories in accordance with Annex 6 of COVID-19-certificates and COVID-19-certificates with data minimization, and corresponding foreign certificates.[1]

[2] The following principles apply to the software programs:

a. They shall verify the authenticity, integrity and validity of the electronic signature of COVID-19-certificates.

b. They shall verify foreign certificates according to the rules applicable to COVID-19-certificates.

c. They shall ensure the result of the verification solely in the following form:

1. valid for the purpose of access to an event or to a place (recognized) or unsuccessful (not authorized) or, with possible Grundge (background), and, if applicable, information on the reasons for the failure of authorization in accordance with Annex 1 that allows the certificate to be assigned to the holder,

2. information on the compliance of the certificate with data minimization in accordance with Annex 6.

[2] They are authorized to the authenticity, integrity and validity of the certificates without being connected to the internet at the time of verification; however, the verification of revocation may be carried out by the system for retrieving revoked certificates which requires an internet connection.

[3] The FOITT shall publish the source code and technical specifications for the software programs it makes available.

[1] Amended by Ref. of the 25 of 19 June 2021, in force since 19 June 2021 (**BBl 2021 1411**).

[2] Amended by Ref. of the 25 of 19 Feb. 2022 (Expiry of COVID-19 Certificates only valid in Switzerland), in force since 21 Mar. 2022 (**BBl 2022 395**).

[3] Amended by Ref. of the 25 of 19 Feb. 2022 (Expiry of COVID-19 Certificates only valid in Switzerland), in force since 21 Mar. 2022 (**BBl 2022 395**).

⇗ Art. 30 Access to the systems for issuing COVID-19-certificates and for retrieving revoked COVID-19-certificates

[1] Users shall log on to the system for issuing COVID-19-certificates via the Federal Administration's central login and authentication service in accordance with Article 27 paragraphs 1–3 of the Ordinance of 19 October 2016[1] on Federal Identity Management Systems and Directory Services (OIAM).[2]

[2] The FOITT may go beyond Article 27 of the IAMO and contract other external IdM systems to the Confederation's IdM systems, provided these allow for secure identification.

[1] Hereafter or revoke access especially in the event of concerns about ICT security.

[2] **SR 172.010.59**.

⇗ Art. 31 Federal body responsible

The FOITT is the federal body responsible under the data protection legislation for:

a. the implementation of the necessary technical and organizational measures for the systems it operates;

b. the app it makes available.

⇗ Art. 32 Costs of information systems and apps[1]

[1] The Confederation shall bear the costs of the procurement and operation of the information systems, and the provision of the apps.

[2] It shall bear the costs for the use of the systems and apps.

[1] Amended by Ref. of the 25 of 19 Feb. 2022 (Expiry of COVID-19 Certificates only valid in Switzerland), in force since 21 Mar. 2022 (**BBl 2022 395**).

⇗ Section 9 Final Provisions

⇗ Art. 33[1] Updating Annexes 1 to 4

In consultation with the FDA and the FOPH, the FSVO shall update Annexes 1 to 4 in accordance with the internationally harmonized standards in order to achieve interoperability with the EU Digital COVID Certificate system and with other international recognition of the certificates issued in accordance with this Ordinance.

[1] Amended by Ref. of the 25 of 19 Jan. 2022 (COVID Recovery Certificates for Rapid Antigen Tests), in force since 27 Jan. 2022 (**BBl 2022**).

⇗ Art. 34 Conclusion of international treaties in connection with the development and implementation of the EU Digital COVID Certificate

The FDHA shall be responsible for concluding international treaties for the adoption of delegated acts and implementing acts of the European Commission for the development and the implementation of the Digital COVID Certificate.

⇗ Art. 34a[1] Transition provision to the Amendment of 16 February 2022

The following certificates retain their current validity:

a. COVID-19-vaccination certificates under Article 19 paragraph 3 in section of 3 November 2021[2];

b. COVID-19-recovery certificates under Article 19 paragraph 1 letter b in section of 3 November 2021[3];

c. COVID-19-vaccination certificates under Article 19 in section of 3 November 2021[4];

d. COVID-19-negative certificates under Article 19 in section of 3 November 2021[5].

[1] Accordingly vaccination certificates that delivered in foreign systems under Article 21 letter a to the COVID-19-certificates in accordance with paragraph 1, they shall contain a reference to their related limited validity.

[2] Requests under the previous law to be issued with a COVID-19-certificate in accordance with paragraph 1 letter a shall be submitted to the cantons by 31 March 2022 at the latest. The cantons for requests that are submitted via the system in accordance with Article 26a.

[3] The provisions of Sections 2 and 8, with the exception of Article 2, 8 and 11, also apply to COVID-19-certificates in accordance with paragraph 1.

[1] Amended by Ref. of the 25 of 16 Feb. 2022 (Expiry of COVID-19 Certificates only valid in Switzerland), in force since 21 Mar. 2022 (**BBl 2022 395**).

[2] **AS 2021 679**.

[3] **AS 2021 679**.

[4] **AS 2021 679**.

[5] **AS 2021 679**.

⇗ Art. 35 Commencement

This Ordinance comes into force on 5 June 2021 at 00:00 and applies until 31 December 2022.

⇗ Annex 1[1]

[1] Amended by Ref. of the 25 of 19 June 2021 (**BBl 2021 1411**), of 17 Sept. 2021 (**BBl 2021 1845**), No. I of the FDHA O of 20 Nov. 2021 (**BBl 2021 3071**) and of 19 June. 1 of the O of 19 Feb. 2022 (Expiry of COVID-19 Certificates only valid in Switzerland), in force since 21 Mar. 2022 (**BBl 2022 395**).

Section 1.1, 28 para. 2 lett. a, 29 para. 2 lit. c, 30 para. 2 lit. c

⇗ General content of COVID-19 certificates

⇗ 1 Details of the holder

a. Surname(s) and first name(s) (in that order);

b. Date of birth.

⇗ 2 Details of the country in which the vaccine was administered or the test was carried out, and details of the electronic seal issuer

a. Country in which the vaccine was administered or the test was carried out or, if the information is not available and the vaccination was administered in a third country recognized by an international organization, an internationally recognized state for this purpose;

b. Identifier of the issuer (Federal Office of Public Health).

⇗ 3 Statement for COVID-19 certificates in a human-readable form

COVID-19 certificates that are in a human-readable form must contain the following statement:

"This certificate is not a travel document.

The scientific evidence on COVID-19 vaccination, testing and recovery continues to evolve, also in view of new variants of concern of the virus.

Before travelling, please check the applicable public health measures and related restrictions applied at the point of destination".

⇗ Annex 2[1]

[1] Amended by Ref. of the 25 of 19 June 2021 (**BBl 2021 1411**), of 17 Sept. 2021 (**BBl 2021 1845**), No. I of the FDHA O of 20 Nov. 2021 (**BBl 2021 3071**) and of 19 June. 1 of the O of 19 Feb. 2022 (Expiry of COVID-19 Certificates only valid in Switzerland), in force since 21 Mar. 2022 (**BBl 2022 395**).

Section 1.2, 28 para. 2 lit. b, 29 para. 2 lit. c

⇗ Special provisions concerning COVID-19 vaccination certificates

⇗ 1 Start of validity and maximum duration

1.1 COVID-19-vaccination certificates are valid for 270 days:

a. from the administration of the dose that completes the basic immunization;

b. from the administration of the booster dose provided after basic immunization is completed (booster vaccination).

1.2 In the case of a COVID-19-vaccine with a vaccination COVID-19-vaccine, the period of validity begins on the 22 day after the single dose administered.

⇗ 2 Information on the vaccine administered

2.1 Disease against which the vaccination was administered COVID-19.

2.2 Vaccine against which the vaccination was administered.

2.3 Immunological agent (name of vaccine/vaccine name).

2.4 Holder of the vaccine authorization or, if not indicated for vaccine doses administered abroad, information on the manufacturer.

2.5 Number of vaccine doses administered in a series and the total number of doses administered.

2.6 Date on which the final dose was administered.

⇗ 3 Information on the level of vaccination

3.1 General provisions:

3.1 An indication of the level of vaccination is recorded:

a. in the case of full vaccination by the coded cut out in numbers 3.2–3.4, such as "n/a";

b. in the case of incomplete vaccination according to the "n/a" system, where it conds the the number of vaccine doses received and if the number of vaccine doses scheduled at the time of receiving the vaccine dose according to the vaccination programme concerned.

3.2 A person infection with Sars-CoV-2 occurring before a vaccination is considered as a vaccine dose. The following requirements apply to proof of infection:

a. Proof of infection must be based on one of the following tests:

1. the positive result of a molecular biological test for Sars-CoV-2,

2. the positive result of a Sars-CoV-2 rapid test for specialist use in accordance with Annex 2 paragraph 1 of the COVID-19 Ordinance 3 of 19 June 2021,

3. a positive analysis for Sars-CoV-2 antibodies.

b. The specific date is when a number 1, 2 or 3 at least 28 days must have elapsed between taking the sample and administering the vaccine.

3.3 Vaccine doses administered in a series of vaccinations are considered:

a. Immunocompromised persons consider the vaccination programme in accordance with this Ordinance in order to achieve effective basic immunization.

b. Number 3.2 applies.

3.3 Number 3.2 applies to the following vaccine authorized by Swissmedic:

Product name(s)	Manufacturer
Janssen COVID-19 vaccine	Johnson&Johnson

3.3.2.2 Indication of level of vaccination in the case of basic immunization:

a. basic immunization with a single vaccine dose: "1/1";

b. basic immunization with two vaccine doses, the second vaccine dose administered with a different vaccine, for example in the case of contraindications: "2/2".

3.3.2.3 Indication of level of vaccination in the case of booster vaccination:

a. booster vaccination following basic immunization with a single vaccine dose with an other vaccine: "2/2+1" or "3/3+1";

b. booster "2/2+1" or "3/3+1" after basic immunization begun with a different vaccine (No 3.2.2 let. b): "3/3" (for further doses: "3/3+2/1").

3.3 Two-dose vaccines

3.3.1 Number 3.3 applies to the following vaccines:

Product name(s)	Manufacturer
Comirnaty (BNT162b2)	Pfizer-BioNTech
Spikevax (mRNA-1273)	Moderna
Vaxzevria (ChAdOx1 nCoV-19)	AstraZeneca
Nuvaxovid (NVX-CoV2373)	Novavax
BBIP-CorV	Sinopharm Wuhan Institute Beijing
Coronavac	Sinovac
Bharat Biotech Covaxin	Indian Council for Medical Research

3.3.2 Indication of level of vaccination in the case of basic immunization:

a. basic immunization with two vaccine doses: "2/2";

b. basic immunization with a single vaccine dose, the single vaccine dose with an other infection with Sars-Cov-2 (No 3.1.2): "1/1".

3.3.3 Indication of level of vaccination in the case of booster vaccination:

a. booster vaccination following basic immunization with two vaccine doses (No 3.3.2.2 let. a): "3/3" (for further doses: "3/3+1");

b. booster vaccination following basic immunization through the combination of a single vaccine dose with another infection in accordance with No 3.2 let. b: "3/3" (for further doses: "3/3+1").

3.4 Supplementary provisions for the vaccine Janssen COVID-19 vaccine:

3.4.1 Number 3.4 applies to vaccination with the following vaccines that do not meet the requirements of Article 9 paragraph 1 lett. b of this Ordinance which may be used in supplement a vaccine authorized in Switzerland:

Product name(s)	Manufacturer	Supplement with a vaccine authorized in Switzerland
Sputnik light	Gamaleya National Centre for Epidemiology and Microbiology	Single dose of Comirnaty (BNT162b2) or Spikevax (mRNA-1273), if at least one dose has already been administered
Sputnik V (Gam-COVID-Vac, rAd26-S, rAd5-S)	Gamaleya National Centre for Epidemiology and Microbiology	Single dose of Comirnaty (BNT162b2) or Spikevax (mRNA-1273), if at least one dose has already been administered
Koviloc	Sinopharm	Single dose of Comirnaty (BNT162b2) or Spikevax (mRNA-1273), if at least one dose has already been administered
Covi-Vac (CoviVac)	Kazakhstan RIBSP	Single dose of Comirnaty (BNT162b2) or Spikevax (mRNA-1273), if at least one dose has already been administered
Medigen (MVC-COV1901)	Medigen Vaccine Biologics Corp.	Single dose of Comirnaty (BNT162b2) or Spikevax (mRNA-1273), if at least one dose has already been administered
SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine (Sinovac-CoronaVac)	Minhai Biotechnology	Single dose of Comirnaty (BNT162b2) or Spikevax (mRNA-1273), if at least one dose has already been administered
KyMriaCovax	VECTOR	Single dose of Comirnaty (BNT162b2) or Spikevax (mRNA-1273), if at least one dose has already been administered
SobernaPlus (Plus COB-68)	Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology	Single dose of Comirnaty (BNT162b2) or Spikevax (mRNA-1273), if at least one dose has already been administered
IMBI-Cov-Vac (Fifar DT2001)	Anhui Zhifei Longcom	Single dose of Comirnaty (BNT162b2) or Spikevax (mRNA-1273), if at least two doses have already been administered
Abdala (CIGB-66)	Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology	Single dose of Comirnaty (BNT162b2) or Spikevax (mRNA-1273), if at least two doses have already been administered
QazCovid-in	Zybus Ltd	Single dose of Comirnaty (BNT162b2) or Spikevax (mRNA-1273), if at least two doses have already been administered

3.4.2 Indication of level of vaccination if supplemented with a vaccine authorized in Switzerland: "1/1"

3.4.3 Indication of level of vaccination if a further dose is administered following a supplementary vaccination with Sputnik light, Sputnik V, Covi-Vac, Koviloc, Medigen, Combination of vaccines (Kentavirus/Kazakhstan):

3.5.1 Vaccines that are authorized in Switzerland or are authorized by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) or are on the World Health Organization (WHO) "Emergency Use Listing" may be combined with each other for purposes of basic immunization:

3.5.2 The vaccines in accordance with numbers 3.2 and 3.3 may be combined with any basic immunization or a booster vaccination. This also applies to supplementary vaccinations with a vaccination supplemented in accordance with Number 3.4.

3.5.3 Indication of level of vaccination:

Proof in accordance with Article 12 paragraph 1 letter a is considered to be provided for the following formal vaccine products:

Formal name of the licensed product	Manufacturer of the licensed product	Corresponds to
Comirnaty Concentrate ([illegible])	Seruni Institute of India	Vaxzevria (ChAdOx1 nCoV-19)
COVID-19 vaccine recombinant	Fundação Instituto Oswaldo Cruz (FIOCRUZ)	
B.Cov2	B-Pharma CSC	
Coronex (NVX-CoV2373)	Seruni Institute of India	Nuvaxovid (NVX-CoV2373)

[1] **SR 818.101.24**.

[2] Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March laying down Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency, OJ L 136, 30.4.2004, p. 1, last amended by Regulation (EU) No 2019/5, OJ L 2019/1, p. 43.

⇗ Annex 3[1]

[1] Amended by Ref. of the 25 of 19 Feb. 2022 (Expiry of COVID-19 Certificates only valid in Switzerland), in force since 21 Mar. 2022 (**BBl 2022 395**).

Section 1.3, 12 para. 1 and 2, 28 para. 2 lit. b

⇗ Special provisions concerning COVID-19 test certificates

⇗ 1 Start of validity and duration

1.1 Start of validity: on the 1 th day after the first positive result.

1.2 Period of validity: 180 days from the date of the positive result referred to in number 1.1.

⇗ 2 Details on the disease and the date of recovery

2.1 Disease from which the holder has recovered COVID-19).

2.2 Date of the first positive result.

2.3 Start of validity.

2.4 End of validity.

⇗ Annex 4[1]

[1] Amended by Ref. of the 25 of 19 June 2021 (**BBl 2021 1411**), Repealed by No 2 para. 2 of the O of 25 June 2021, in force since 1 July 2021 (**AS 2021 2911**), Amended by Ref. of the 25 of 19 Feb. 2022 (Expiry of COVID-19 Certificates only valid in Switzerland), in force since 21 Mar. 2022 (**BBl 2022 395**).

Section 1.4, 12 para. 1 lit. b, 28 para. 2 lit. b

⇗ Special provisions concerning COVID-19 test certificates

⇗ 1 ...

⇗ 2 Duration of validity

The duration is calculated from the time the sample is taken and is as follows:

a. for PCR tests: 72 hours;

b. for Sars-CoV-2 rapid tests for specialist use: 24 hours;

c. for laboratory immunological tests for Sars-CoV-2 antigens: 24 hours.

⇗ 3 Details of the test carried out

a. Disease tested for: COVID-19;

b. Type of test (PCR or Sars-CoV-2 rapid test or laboratory immunological analysis for Sars-CoV-2 antigens);

c. Name of the test (Sars-CoV-2 rapid test or laboratory immunological analysis for Sars-CoV-2 antigens);

d. Manufacturer of the test (Sars-CoV-2 rapid test or laboratory immunological analysis for Sars-CoV-2 antigens);

e. Date and time of the sample collection;

f. Test result (negative);

g. Test centre or institution where the test was carried out.

⇗ Annex 4a[1]

[1] Amended by Ref. of the 25 of 1 Dec. 2021 (**BBl 2021 3071**), Repealed by No 2 para. 2 of the O of 25 June 2021, in force since 1 July 2021 (**AS 2021 2911**), Amended by Ref. of the 25 of 19 Feb. 2022 (Expiry of COVID-19 Certificates only valid in Switzerland), in force since 21 Mar. 2022 (**BBl 2022 395**).

Annex 5[77]

[77] Amended by No I of the O of 7 July 2021 (AS 2021 428). Revised by No II of the O of 17 Sept. 2021 (AS 2021 564), of 19 Jan. 2022 (COVID Recovery Certificates for Rapid Antigen Tests) (AS 2022 20), by No I para. 2 of the FDHA O of 1 Feb. 2022 (Level of Basic Immunisation and Booster Vaccination, Recognition of other Vaccines) (AS 2022 56) and by No I of the O of the FDHA of 22 Feb. 2022, in force since 23 Feb. 2022 (AS 2022 117).

(Arts. 22, 23 paras. 1 and 2)

List of recognised foreign certificates

1 Recognised certificates issued by an EU member state or an EFTA state

1.1 Vaccination, recovery and test certificates issued by an EU member state or EFTA state in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2021/953[78] and the EU legislative acts adopted on the basis thereof are recognised.

1.2 Vaccination certificates are recognised only if they have been issued for vaccinations with a vaccine that:

a. has authorisation for the EU from the European Medicines Agency;

b. is authorised in accordance with the WHO emergency use listing procedure; or

c. has been shown to have the same composition as a vaccine licensed under letter a or b but is marketed by a licence holder under a different name and which has been administered in full in accordance with the requirements or recommendations of the country in which the vaccination was carried out.

2 Other recognised certificates

2.1 Vaccination, recovery and test certificates that are interoperable in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2021/953 and have been issued by the following states and regions are recognised:

2.2
- Albania
- Andorra
- Armenia
- Benin
- Cape Verde
- El Salvador
- Faroe Islands
- Georgia
- Holy See (Vatican)
- Israel
- Morocco
- Moldova
- Monaco
- Montenegro
- North Macedonia
- Panama
- San Marino
- Serbia
- Thailand
- Turkey
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom
- Uruguay

Vaccination and test certificates that are interoperable in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2021/953 and have been issued by the following states and regions are recognised:

- New Zealand
- Singapore
- Taiwan (Chinese Taipei)
- Togo
- United Arab Emirates

2.3 Vaccination certificates that are interoperable in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2021/953 and have been issued by the following states and regions are recognised:

- Jordan
- Lebanon
- Tunisia

2.4 Vaccination certificates are only recognised if they have been issued for vaccinations with a vaccine that meets the requirements of number 1.2.

[78] 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, as amended by OJ L 211, *15.6.2021*, p. 1.

Annex 6[79]

[79] Inserted by No II para. 4 of the O of 16 Feb. 2022 (Expiry of COVID-19 Certificates only valid in Switzerland), with effect from 17 Feb. 2022 (AS 2022 99).

(Art. 28 para. 3 and 29 para. 1 and 2 let. c No 3)

Access categories

1. "3G": Access for persons with a vaccination, recovery or test certificate or with an exemption certificate under Article 1 letter a number 4 in its version of 3 November 2021[80].
2. "2G": Access for persons with a vaccination or recovery certificate or with an exemption certificate under Article 1 letter a number 4 in its version of 3 November 2021[81].
3. "2G+": Access for persons with:
   a. both a vaccination or recovery certificate and a test certificate;
   b. a vaccination certificate, the period of validity of which did not begin more than 120 days previously;
   c. a recovery certificate, the period of validity of which did not begin more than 120 days previously and which was not issued on the basis of an antibody test under Article 16 paragraph 3 in its version of 3 November 2021[82]; or
   d. an exemption certificate under Article 1 letter a number 4 in its version of 3 November 2021[83].
4. "Test certificate": Access for persons with a test certificate or with an exemption certificate under Article 1 letter a number 4 in its version of 3 November 2021[84].

[80] AS 2021 653, 813

[81] AS 2021 653, 813

[82] AS 2021 653

[83] AS 2021 653, 813

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