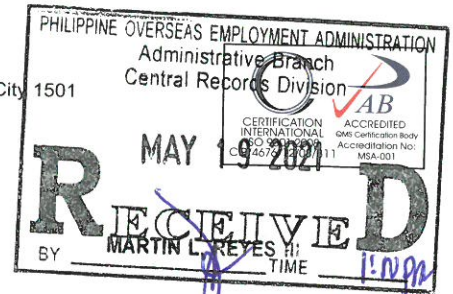




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**Spain's Digital Green Certificate/Restriction-Free Travel
For Vaccine Certificate Holders from June 2021**

The Government of Spain announces through the official website of the President of Spain that the country has started to work on introducing the Digital Green Certificate that will facilitate mobility and guarantee public health protection of its citizens that is expected to allow for the gradual resumption of safe economic activity in Spain.

Secretary-General for Digital Health, Information and innovation of the National Health System, Alfredo González, stressed that the Government of Spain and the regional governments have started to work on introducing the Digital Green Certificate in Spain to comply with the deadlines established. The intention is to introduce the Digital Green Certificate in June, and the draft regulation is currently in its passage through the EU institutions, such that it can be up-and-running by the end of the said month, and fully functioning for the summer season. The Secretary-General further stressed the need for a common position agreed by the European Union (EU) governments on the draft regulation.

The main characteristics of the Digital Green Certificate are its simplicity and interoperability throughout the EU, and that it is free of charge and universal. It will facilitate free movement in the EU, "but will not limit the mobility" of those who do not hold a Digital Green Certificate, and "will respect, at any event, data protection, safety and privacy" remarked by the Secretary-General.

The Secretary-General further clarifies that the Digital Green Certificate is not a passport nor a travel document, nor is it a pre-requisite for travelling in Spain, but a mechanism that facilitates mobility.

As regards the validation and acceptance of the Certificates for people travelling to Spain, the main responsibility will be taken on by the Spain's Ministry of Health through Border Health, which will thus help develop the SPTH (Spain Travel Health) system.

At the end of the process, the traveler may opt for the traditional system (SpTH introduced in June 2020) or for the new system (SPTH+) providing the Digital Green Vaccination Certificate in this application. In the latter case, verification will be made upon arrival and transit will be much quicker and simpler for the traveler, while maintaining utmost health and safety.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


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