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The Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Consular Department) and, with reference to the latter's Note Verbale No. 663/CH-LS-PL dated 10 August 2021, has the honor to forward a copy of Note Verbale No. 21-4527 from the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines dated 31 August 2021 transmitting copies of the following certificates aligned with the implementing guidelines of the World Health Organization's Digital Documentation of COVID-19 Certificates: Vaccination Status (DDCC:VS) specific to COVID-19 certification of vaccination status and to facilitate the implementation of a global certification process:

- International Certification of Vaccination by Prophylaxis (ICVP)
- Digital Vaccination Certificate (DVC)

The Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Consular Department) the assurances of its highest consideration.

Hanoi, 7 September 2021



# REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MANILA

Note No. 21-4527

The Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines presents its compliments to all the Diplomatic and Consular Missions accredited to the Philippines and has the honor to convey the following:

- 1. As of 15 July 2021, the new format of the International Certificate of Vaccination or Prophylaxis (ICVP), also known as "Carte Jaune" or "Yellow Card" is being utilized by the country and as compliant with the prescribed format of the International Health Regulations (IHR) of the World Health Organization (WHO). The certificate is being issued by the Bureau of Quarantine which is under the Department of Health to travelers who have been vaccinated in the Philippines with internationally regulated vaccines (i.e. for yellow fever, polio, and measles etc). Even prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the ICVP is being issued in compliance with the country's commitment in the IHR. Currently, it is also being utilized as a proof of vaccination for travelers who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The ICVP can be further verified online (https://icv.boq.ph/) and machine readable with corresponding two-dimensional quick response code. On security implementation, the system is ready to connect and authenticate private keys once the WHO is able to host public keys and provide the corresponding application programming interfaces (API). Further details and a sample of the ICVP is enclosed herewith under Annex A.
- 2. Moreover, on 03 September 2021, and aside from the issuance of the ICVP as a proof of vaccination for COVID-19, the official use of the Digital Vaccination Certificate (DVC) or VaxCertPH system will commence. The DVC or VaxCertPH is also issued by the Department of Health -- and developed with the Department of Information and Communications Technology, to all persons inoculated specifically with the COVID-19 vaccine in the Philippines. The VaxCertPH may be carried by persons within, and travelling outside, the Philippines. Furthermore, being verifiable online and machine readable with a secured two-dimensional quick response code, the VaxCertPH is ready to implement a public-key cryptography system access to which may be further arranged with border control and quarantine authorities of receiving states and territories. Additional details and a sample of the DVC is attached as Annex B.
- 3. The foregoing certificates align with the implementing guidelines of the World Health Organization (WHO) Digital Documentation of COVID-19 Certificates: Vaccination Status (DDCC:VS) specific to COVID-19 certificate of vaccination status and to facilitate the implementation of a global certification process. The certificates may be presented in both physical and digital formats.
- 4. In this regard, the Department requests the kind assistance of the missions in transmitting the foregoing information to the relevant authorities and instrumentalities of their respective governments with a view that it could be considered by them for current or future arrangements – and in furtherance of the possible reciprocal and mutual recognition of COVID-19 vaccine certification.

5. Furthermore, the Department would highly appreciate it if the missions could kindly seek acknowledgement of the abovementioned documents from their respective relevant authorities, as well as identify – and advance further coordination between, focal agencies and persons concerned with their Philippine counterparts to facilitate the option of the exchange of public and private keys for the verification of certificates concerned.

The Department of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all the Diplomatic and Consular Missions the assurances of its highest consideration.

Manila, 31 August 2021

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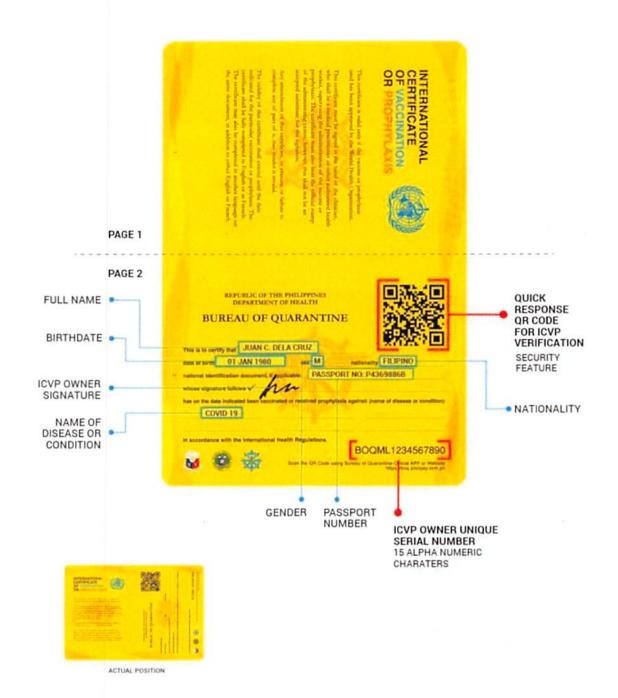
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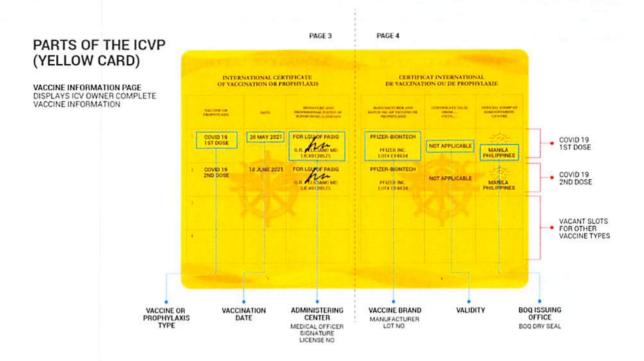
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cc: All DFA Foreign Service Posts and Offices in the Home Office

# ANNEX A: SAMPLE TEMPLATE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - BUREAU OF QUARANTINE





#### HOW TO VALIDATE THE ICVP



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TO ENSURE AUTHENTIC VALIDATION OF BOQ ISSUED ICVP VISIT THE BOQ OFFICIAL WEBSITE OR DOWNLOAD THE BOQ OFFICIAL APP AT GOOGLE PLAY STORE





CLICK THE "VERIFIY BOQ CERTIFICATE"
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TO ENSURE AUTHENTIC VALIDATION OF BOQ ISSUED ICVP VISIT THE BOQ OFFICIAL WEBSITE OR DOWNLOAD THE BOQ OFFICIAL APP AT GOOGLE PLAY STORE



UPON VERIFICATION, OR SCAN RESULT SHALL DISPLAY USER ICVP (YELLOW CARD) IN DIGITAL FORMAT

PRINTED ICVP AND DIGITAL ICVP SHOULD HAVE THE SAME INFORMATION



DIGITAL ICVP



DOWNLOAD ICVP USER CAN DOWNLOAD THE DIGITAL ICVP IN PDF FORMAT AND STORE IT IN HIS/HER DEVICE

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#### ANNEX B. PHILIPPINE-ISSUED DIGITAL VACCINE CERTIFICATE - VaxCertPH





# Philippines COVID 19 Digital Vaccination Certificate or "VaxCertPH"

based on centralized data in the Vaccine Information Management System (VIMS) and in compliance with international standards, including the World Health Organization (WHO) Digital Documentation of COVID-19 Certificates (DDCC): Vaccination Status Technical Specifications and Implementation Guidance.

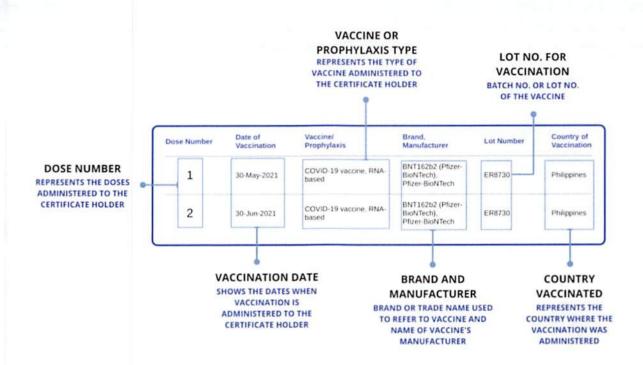




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