

# Procedure file

Basic information	
COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	2022/0030(COD) Procedure completed
EU Digital COVID Certificate - third-country nationals Amending Regulation 2021/954 <a href="#">2021/0071(COD)</a>	
Subject 4.20 Public health 4.20.01 Medicine, diseases 7.10 Free movement and integration of third-country nationals	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 <a href="#">Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs</a>	 <a href="#">LÓPEZ AGUILAR Juan Fernando</a>	16/03/2022
		Shadow rapporteur	
		 <a href="#">LENAERS Jeroen</a>	
		 <a href="#">IN 'T VELD Sophia</a>	
		 <a href="#">STRIK Tineke</a>	
		 <a href="#">TARDINO Annalisa</a>	
		 <a href="#">ROOKEN Rob</a>	
		 <a href="#">ERNST Cornelia</a>	
		Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion
	 <a href="#">Environment, Public Health and Food Safety</a>	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	 <a href="#">Transport and Tourism</a>		07/03/2022
		 <a href="#">BAUZÁ DÍAZ José Ramón</a>	
Council of the European Union European Commission	Commission DG <a href="#">Migration and Home Affairs</a>	Commissioner JOHANSSON Ylva	

Key events			
03/02/2022	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2022)0055</a>	Summary
07/03/2022	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		

28/04/2022	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
28/04/2022	Committee decision to open interinstitutional negotiations with report adopted in committee		
29/04/2022	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	<a href="#">A9-0137/2022</a>	
02/05/2022	Committee decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations announced in plenary (Rule 71)		
05/05/2022	Committee decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations confirmed by plenary (Rule 71 - vote)		
15/06/2022	Approval in committee of the text agreed at 1st reading interinstitutional negotiations	<a href="#">PE734.169</a> GEDA/A/(2022)007065	
23/06/2022	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	<a href="#">T9-0253/2022</a>	Summary
27/06/2022	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
29/06/2022	Final act signed		
30/06/2022	Final act published in Official Journal		

### Technical information

Procedure reference	2022/0030(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
	Amending Regulation 2021/954 <a href="#">2021/0071(COD)</a>
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 077-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	LIBE/9/08326

### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(2022)0055</a>	03/02/2022	EC	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE729.995</a>	22/03/2022	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE731.522</a>	07/04/2022	EP	
Committee opinion	TRAN	<a href="#">PE729.807</a>	21/04/2022	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A9-0137/2022</a>	29/04/2022	EP	
Coreper letter confirming interinstitutional agreement		GEDA/A/(2022)007065	15/06/2022	CSL	
Text agreed during interinstitutional negotiations		<a href="#">PE734.169</a>	15/06/2022	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T9-0253/2022</a>	23/06/2022	EP	Summary

## Final act

[Regulation 2022/1035](#)  
[OJ L 173 30.06.2022, p. 0046](#)

## EU Digital COVID Certificate - third-country nationals

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**PURPOSE:** to extend the application of Regulation (EU) 2021/954 on a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable COVID-19 vaccination, test and recovery certificates (EU Digital COVID Certificate) to certain categories of third country nationals lawfully residing or staying in the Union.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

**ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT:** the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

**BACKGROUND:** under the Schengen acquis, third country nationals lawfully residing in the Union and third country nationals who have legally entered the territory of a Member State may move freely within the territories of all other Member States during a period of 90 days in any 180-day period.

On 14 June 2021, the European Parliament and the Council adopted [Regulation \(EU\) 2021/953](#) establishing the EU Digital COVID Certificate. That Regulation sets out a common framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable certificates for COVID-19 vaccination, test or recovery certificates to facilitate free movement of EU citizens and their family members during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Regulation (EU) 2021/953 is accompanied by [Regulation \(EU\) 2021/954](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council, which extends the EU Digital COVID Certificate framework to third-country nationals who are legally staying or residing in a Member States territory and who are entitled to travel to other Member States in accordance with Union law.

Regulations (EU) 2021/953 and (EU) 2021/954 are due to expire on 30 June 2022. Nevertheless, the pandemic is still on-going and the recent outbreak of the Omicron variant of concern continues to negatively impact travel within the Union. Consequently, the EU Digital COVID Certificate remains relevant and it is necessary to allow for its continued use.

**CONTENT:** under this proposal, the Commission is proposing to extend, by 12 months (until 30 June 2023), the application of Regulation (EU) 2021/954, which lays down a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable COVID-19 vaccination, test and recovery certificates (EU Digital COVID Certificate) to certain categories of third country nationals lawfully residing or staying in the Union.

The proposed Regulation should not be understood as facilitating or encouraging the adoption of travel restrictions in response to the pandemic. In addition, any need for verification of certificates established by Regulation (EU) 2021/953 should not be considered to justify the temporary reintroduction of controls at internal borders.

This proposal complements the [proposal](#) to extend the period of application of Regulation (EU) 2021/953 on a framework for the issue, verification and acceptance of interoperable covid-19 vaccination, testing and recovery certificates (EU Digital COVID Certificate) in order to facilitate free movement during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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The European Parliament adopted by 454 votes to 112, with 20 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2021/954 on a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable COVID-19 vaccination, test and recovery certificates (EU Digital COVID Certificate) with regard to third-country nationals legally staying or residing in the territories of Member States during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Parliament adopted its position at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure, endorsing the Commission's proposal.

The regulation aims to facilitate the movement of third-country nationals legally staying or residing in the territory of the Member States during the COVID-19 pandemic by establishing a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable COVID-19 certificates relating to a person's vaccination against COVID-19, their test results or their recovery.

The EU digital COVID certificate was introduced by Regulation (EU) 2021/953 of the European Parliament and of the Council which set out a common framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable COVID-19 certificates of vaccination, test or recovery in order to facilitate the exercise of the right to free movement of Union citizens and their family members during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The period of application of Regulation (EU) 2021/953 should be extended by 12 months (until 30 June 2023). As the purpose of Regulation (EU) 2021/954 is to extend the application of Regulation (EU) 2021/953 to certain categories of third-country nationals legally staying or residing in the Union, its period of application is therefore directly linked to that of Regulation (EU) 2021/953. Regulation (EU) 2021/954 is amended accordingly.

The regulation should enter into force on the day of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union. It should apply from 1 July 2021 for as long as Regulation (EU) 2021/953 is applicable.