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The Department of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa presents its compliments to Diplomatic Missions and International Organisations accredited to the Republic of South Africa and has the honour to refer to samples of the officially recognised South African COVID-19 Vaccination Cards / Certificates.

The Department wishes to inform Foreign Missions that the current system operates as follows:

All vaccinees are required to be registered on the Electronic Vaccine Data System (EVDS), and all administered vaccines are recorded on the system.

Following each vaccination, the vaccinee receives an SMS confirming that they have received the vaccine dose. This message contains the vaccinee's name, the date and place of vaccination and a code which provides proof of vaccination. Vaccinees are advised to take a screenshot of the SMS which can then also be used as proof of vaccination.

Each vaccinated person receives a vaccination card which contains the vaccinee's name, identification or passport number, doses and batch number. A sample of this card is attached.

Foreign Missions are further informed that for entry into South Africa, proof of a traveller's negative status, through a 72 hour PCR test, remains in place.

South Africa is currently investigating the issuing of vaccine certificates with a QR code and cryptogenic signature. However, for the present, relevant authorities in all countries are requested to recognise the current vaccination card and screenshots which contain the vaccination code as proof of vaccination for purposes of international travel.

The Department of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa avails itself of this opportunity to renew to Diplomatic Missions and International Organisations accredited to the Republic of South Africa the assurances of its highest consideration.



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