MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
MINISTRY OF HEALTH, WELLNESS and NEW HEALTH INVESTMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA
FOR
RECIPROCAL RECOGNITION OF COVID VACCINATION CERTIFICATE

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare of the Government of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Health, Wellness and New Health Investment of the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica (hereinafter referred to as Parties), reach the following understanding for reciprocal recognition of COVID vaccination certificates.

1. This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into between the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of India through its designated agency, Indian High Commission in Port of Spain, and the Ministry of Health, Wellness and New Health Investment of the Government of Commonwealth of Dominica.

2. The parties, keeping in view the response to the COVID-19 pandemic that has been affecting people across borders and with a view to facilitate ease of travel between the Citizens of India and Commonwealth of Dominica and in the spirit of further strengthening the cooperation and coordination between the two countries, have entered into this MoU.

3. This MoU provides for recognition of the Indian COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate issued through utilization of CoWIN platform. Indian COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate has a secure QR code digitally signed to protect it against falsification and the genuineness of the Certificate can be authenticated at https://verify.cowin.gov.in/. The MOU also provides for recognition of Dominican COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate issued by the Ministry of Health, Wellness and New Health Investment, Commonwealth of Dominica.

4. Upon notification by the designated authorities in the two countries of the vaccines approved for inclusion in the Digital COVID Vaccination Certificate and recognition of the Vaccination Certificate issued to the citizens of the two countries, health authorities in the two countries will reciprocally notify exemption from mandatory quarantine of such travellers as are vaccinated and carrying the Digital COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate issued by the Governments of the two countries.

5. The arrangement of mutual recognition of Vaccination Certificates between the two countries will remain in effect till a globally-accepted Vaccination Certificate has been adopted by both the countries.

6. A protocol or Standard operating Procedures (SoPs) may be mutually developed and adopted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Health, Wellness and New Health Investment of the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica for travellers from the two countries as may be appropriate, including technological platforms for the purposes of verification of vaccination certificates.

7. The mutual recognition of Vaccination Certificate will facilitate easier travel between India and Commonwealth of Dominica of their citizens. On signing and coming into force of this MoU, the concerned Immigration and other relevant authorities of the Parties will implement the mutual recognition and acceptance of vaccination certificates of the two countries.

8. This MoU will come into force from the date of signature by the duly authorized representatives of the Parties or from the mutually agreed date as may be notified by the two Parties.

9. Both Parties would reserve the right to review the reciprocal arrangement of mutual recognition and acceptance of vaccination certificates in the event of worsening of the COVID situation in any other country.

10. This MoU may be amended or modified through mutual consent of the Parties in writing. Any dispute concerning the application or interpretation of this MoU will be resolved by mutual consultations through diplomatic channels.

Signed on 8th April 2022 at Roseau in two originals in the Hindi and English languages, both texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

Signature:
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