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Onderwerp: RE: Urgent: guidelines for interoperable certificates on COVID-19 recovery

Dear HSC secretariat,

The Netherlands cannot agree to the proposed points regarding a certificate on COVID-recovery at this stage. We would like to request for additional time for national examination by our outbreak management team. We are expecting expert advice on this matter later today. However, we would like to share preliminary considerations:

- Even when a specific timeframe is agreed upon, it is important to maintain the possibility to revise when new scientific data becomes available
- The discussion paper on vaccine certificates (which includes a section on recovery certificates) refers to the ECDC guidance for discharge and ending of isolation of people with COVID-19. This guidance states that studies found that antibody titres peak between 3-4 weeks after onset of symptoms, and remain relatively stable for up to four months. Which considerations were made in determining the proposed 180 days, as compared to 120 days?
- For future considerations (not at the current stage), the possibility to revise to include the use of serology testing should remain open

Kind regards,

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