



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2022/011

Geneva, 11 February 2021

CONCERNING:

Seventy-fourth meeting of the Standing Committee

Date and venue

1. Further to Notifications to the Parties No. 2021/056 of 23 September 2021 and [No. 2021/069](#) of 18 November 2021, the Secretariat hereby informs the Parties that the 74th meeting of the Standing Committee is scheduled to be held in Lyon, France, from **7 to 11 March 2022**. On the morning of the first day, there will be a meeting of the Finance and Budget Subcommittee of the Standing Committee. Both meetings will take place at the following address:

Hippodrome du Carré de Soie
1 Avenue de Böhlen, 69120, Vaulx-en-Velin
Lyon, France

Registration

2. The details relating to registration as contained in Notification to the Parties No. 2021/069 of 18 November 2021 remain valid.
3. The Chair of the Standing Committee, after consultation with the Members, concluded that there was unanimous support for proceeding with plans for a face-to-face meeting in Lyon, France ([aide-memoire – informal briefing of the Standing Committee, 14 December 2021](#)). The Chair furthermore considered updated information relating to travel restrictions and requirements, based on a survey involving the Members and alternative Members conducted by the Secretariat at the end of January 2022, and confirmed that the face-to-face meeting in Lyon, France can proceed.
4. The number of participants from Parties and observer organizations will be limited due to space constraints at the venue and sanitary measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic. As indicated in Notification to the Parties No. 2021/069, Parties are encouraged to rationalize the size of their delegation to the extent possible and to register as soon as possible. Registration for observer organization closed on 5 February 2022.

Financial assistance

5. As indicated in the previous Notifications, the Secretariat is unable to provide financial assistance for participants other than for representatives of developing countries that are Members of the Standing Committee. Qualifying Members of the Standing Committee are requested to contact the Secretariat promptly if they wish to receive financial support.

Credentials

6. The Secretariat reminds participants that, in accordance with Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee, all participants will be required to present official credentials, which should preferably be submitted to the Secretariat at least one week in advance of the first day of the meeting.

Side events and exhibitions

7. Due to space constraints at the venue, no rooms are available for side events and no space for exhibitions are available.

Visas

8. The Secretariat reminds Parties and organizations that their representatives may require visas for France. They may wish to submit a copy of this Notification together with their visa application. Each accredited participant will also automatically receive a visa assistance letter which needs to be submitted together with the visa application, whenever a visa is required. Visas will be issued free of charge by France's embassies and consulates. Participants are requested to submit applications as soon as possible to allow for sufficient time for processing of applications.

Entry into France and vaccine¹ or sanitary pass² requirements

9. At present, entry into France depends on the zone (green, orange, red) in which the country of origin is placed. Information relating to the classification of countries and entry requirements, including vaccine requirements, can be accessed through the following link: <https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/L-actu-du-Ministere/Certificate-of-international-travel>. Participants are strongly advised to study the entry requirements prior to making travel arrangements and prior to travel. The entry information in this notification is subject to change, should the classification of a country/-ies change prior to the meeting.
10. **Annex 1** to this Notification contains information relating to the vaccine requirements relating to entry into France as well as the vaccine or sanitary pass.
11. Participants that meet the requirements to enter France, but **do not** qualify for a vaccine pass equivalent (Annex 1), should ensure that they travel to Lyon using air transport, because a vaccine pass will be required to make use of the trains to Lyon. Access to accommodation **does not** require the presentation of a vaccine pass. Access to the public transport of the Metropolis of Lyon is also not subject to the vaccine pass for those participants that meet the requirements to enter France.
12. The entry into France by participants without the recognized vaccination scheme (see Annex 1) is **subject to the issuance of a laissez-passer by France**. All participants that do not meet the entry requirements must submit the details relating to their vaccination status, including a copy of the vaccine certificate and their passport to mea-cites-registration@cites.org on or before **18 February 2022**, to facilitate the issuance of the laissez-passer and the sanitary pass for the meeting. **No applications for laissez-passer can be facilitated after the deadline specified above.**
13. In terms of meals, access to restaurants outside the venue is not possible without the vaccine pass equivalent, but the restaurant in the venue will be operational for the duration of the meeting and participants with a sanitary pass will be able to access the restaurant.

Sanitary measures

14. Information relating to sanitary measures to be implemented at the venue will be made available on the Standing Committee page of the CITES website. Compliance with general protective measures, including constant mask-wearing and use of sanitizers, will be compulsory.

¹ *Vaccine pass: Issued to persons on the condition of having a complete vaccination schedule with a vaccine recognized by the European Medicines Agency or equivalent to these vaccines or a proof of recovery (see Annex 1).*

² *Sanitary pass: Issued to persons who don't have the complete vaccinated schedule required for the entry into France. They will obtain a sanitary pass after their daily test issued based on daily antigen testing with negative result.*

Hotel reservations and airport transfers

15. All participants, including sponsored delegates, are requested to make their own hotel bookings. Information about hotels and the venue can be found in Annex 2 to this Notification. All participants should make their own arrangements relating to airport transfers. As indicated above public transport of the Metropolis of Lyon is not subject to the vaccine pass.

Documentation

16. The provisional agenda of the meeting of the Standing Committee is available on the CITES website at <https://cites.org/eng/com/sc/74/agenda>. The [working programme](#) for the meeting is also available on the website and participants should note that although not currently reflected in the working programme, an evening session on 11 March 2022 may be included due to the scope of the agenda and travel arrangements should be made accordingly.
17. The deadline for submission of working documents for discussion at the meeting was 6 January 2022 in accordance with Rule 11 of the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee.

REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER FRANCE AND OBTAIN A VACCINE PASS OR SANITARY PASS³

	Entry into France	Vaccine Pass in France	Sanitary Pass in France: Issued to SC74 participants that do not meet the vaccine pass requirements
Requirements	<p>1) Complete vaccine schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 days after receiving one dose of Janssen vaccine, • 7 days after receiving a second dose of other vaccines approved by the European Medicines Agency (Pfizer / Comirnaty, Moderna, AstraZeneca / Vaxzevria / Covishield), and, • for persons who have received all the required doses of a WHO-licensed vaccine not approved by the European Medicines Agency⁴, 7 days after receiving an additional dose of an EMA-approved mRNA vaccine. <p>Since 1 February 2022, in order to continue to be considered as fully vaccinated, persons aged eighteen and one month or over wishing to enter the national territory must have received a dose of complementary messenger RNA vaccine no later than 9 months following the injection of the last required dose.</p>	<p>Complete vaccine schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 days after receiving one dose of Janssen vaccine, • 7 days after receiving a second dose of other vaccines approved by the European Medicines Agency (Pfizer/ Comirnaty, Moderna, AstraZeneca / Vaxzevria / Covishield), and, • for persons who have received all the required doses of a WHO-licensed vaccine not approved by the European Medicines Agency⁵, 7 days after receiving an additional dose of an EMA-approved mRNA vaccine. <p>Since 1 February 2022, in order to continue to be considered as fully vaccinated, persons aged eighteen and one month or over wishing to enter the national territory must have received a dose of complementary messenger RNA vaccine no later than 4 months following the injection of the last required dose.</p> <p>A link will be provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and will be included on the CITES website.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily antigen testing at the venue from 08h00-09h00 for persons who don't have the complete vaccinated schedule required for the entry into France. They will obtain a sanitary pass after their daily test. <p>Persons with the complete vaccine scheduled required for the entry into France could get a sanitary pass using the link provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that will be made available on the CITES website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note: The cost associated with the antigen test will remain the responsibility of the participant, except for sponsored participants. The host country will make the testing services available at the venue for sponsored participants and further information relating to this will be shared with the relevant participants and made available on the CITES website. <p>In case of a positive test the sanitary pass will be removed</p>

³ Based on information provided by the host country France, including the following link: <https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/L-actu-du-Ministere/Certificate-of-international-travel>.

⁴ Sinovac, Sinopharm and Sputnik

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	Entry into France	Vaccine Pass in France	Sanitary Pass in France: Issued to SC74 participants that <u>do not</u> meet the vaccine pass requirements
	<p>2) Complete vaccine schedule requirements <u>not met</u> (including participants vaccinated with Sinovac, Sinopharm and Sputnik or unvaccinated):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A certificate of recovery dated more than eleven days and less than six months, OR a negative PCR or antigen test dated less than 48 hours or less than 24 hours prior to departure. • Require a laissez-passer to be issued by France • Complete a sworn statement certifying that they agree to isolate in accommodation when not attending the meeting in the venue (Hippodrome) and daily testing as advised by the organizers 		
Health control measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present proof of your vaccination status, and • a sworn statement certifying the absence of COVID-19 symptoms and of any contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19. • A negative PCR or antigen test taken less than 48 hours old is required, except for arrivals from a Member State of the European Union, Andorra, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Norway, San Marino, the Holy See or Switzerland. • For travellers arriving from a country in the European area (Member State of the European Union, Andorra, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Norway, San Marino, the Holy See or Switzerland) a negative PCR or antigen test taken less than 24 hours earlier is required • Comply with preventative measures for the meeting provided by the CITES Secretariat on the CITES website that include the wearing of mask and other sanitary measures. 	Comply with preventative measures for the meeting provided by the CITES Secretariat on the CITES website that include the wearing of mask and other sanitary measures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isolate in accommodation when not attending the meeting in the venue (Hippodrome) • Comply with preventative measures for the meeting provided by the CITES Secretariat on the CITES website that include the wearing of mask and other sanitary measures.

HOTELS CLOSE TO THE VENUE

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Gatsby Hotel & Restaurant by Happyculture	+33 (0)4 72 47 01 02	contact@hotel-gatsby.com	36, rue des Frères Lumière 69680 CHASSIEU	http://www.hotel-gatsby.com/
Hotel Parkest	04 27 02 70 04	reservation@hotelparkest.com	7, impasse Louis de Broglie, 69740 GENAS	www.hotelparkest.com
Ibis Bron Eurexpo	+33 (0)4 72 37 01 46	H0854@accor.com	18, rue Maryse Bastié, 69500 BRON	www.ibishotel.com
Ibis Lyon Carré de Soie	+33 (0)4 69 84 28 54	HA0D8@accor.com	20, avenue des Canuts, 69120 VAULX EN VELIN	www.ibishotel.com
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