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GUIDANCE ON PAPERLESS USE OF ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATES

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Paperless Guidance

What is the aim of the Codex Guidance on Paperless Use of Electronic Certificates?

- Add to the already existing certification guidance
- To create pathway to paperless
- Guidance covered
 - The different stages
 - Ways to exchange
 - Considerations along the way
 - Generic Model
 - Could be used by anyone



Key Additions

- Principle around the issuing of paperless certification
 - Are Infrastructure and capabilities are in place
 - When ownership/responsibly changes
- Considerations for contingency plans
- Recommendations on:
 - Presentation of original certificates
 - Replacements
 - Revocation



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Annex I and II

Answers a lot of questions

- Reference data model
 - Details the generic model certificate in XML form
- Law or regulation changes
- Transitioning to Paperless
- Information on current transmission mechanisms



It Helps To Create A Clear Path

- Nothing in the document is mandatory
- It can help provide the path forward
- It can help accelerate the uptake
- This will help us take the paperless journey together

