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The Cabinet makes the following Regulations under *Section 86* of the *National Disaster Risk Management Act 2016* to give effect to the ***Declaration of National Emergency for the Management and Minimisation of the Impacts of Coronavirus (COVID-19)***:

1 Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the *National Disaster Risk Management (Coronavirus (COVID-19)) (Vaccination) Regulations 2021*.

2 Commencement

These Regulations come into effect on the day they are notified in the Gazette.

3 Definitions

In these Regulations:

'Minister' means the Minister for Health and Medical Services;

'Secretary' means the Secretary for Health and Medical Services; and

'vaccination or vaccinated against Coronavirus (COVID-19)' means the administration of an approved vaccine to help the immune system develop protection from Coronavirus (COVID-19).

4 Importing and using Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine

- (1) No Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine shall be imported and used unless approved by the Cabinet on the recommendation of the Minister.
- (2) The Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine recommended by the Minister shall be a vaccine:
 - (a) listed for use by the World Health Organisation:
 - (i) as a prequalified vaccine; or
 - (ii) on the Emergency Use Listing; or
 - (b) authorised for use by a competent National Regulatory Authority of a country supplying and the Republic accepting such vaccine.
- (3) On the approval of the Cabinet, the Minister may issue a certificate for the importation and use of a Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine.
- (4) A Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine approved for importation and use under this Regulation shall be notified in the Gazette.

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5 National vaccination or immunisation programme

The Secretary shall formulate and implement a Coronavirus (COVID-19) national vaccination or immunisation programme.

6 Vaccination against Coronavirus (COVID-19)

For the purposes of preventing the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19), all persons residing in the Republic shall be vaccinated against Coronavirus (COVID-19) unless:

- (a) the person is exempted by a health practitioner as a result of an existing medical condition; or
- (b) the Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine is not recommended to be used for or administered to specified persons.

7 Administration of Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine shall be administered by a:

- (a) duly registered health practitioner employed by the Department of Health and Medical Services;
- (b) duly registered health practitioner employed by a health service provider in the Republic other than the Department of Health and Medical Services; or
- (c) person trained by the Department of Health and Medical Services and authorised by the Minister.

8 Certificate of Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination

- (1) The Director of Public Health may issue a certificate of Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination to a person who has been vaccinated against Coronavirus (COVID-19).
- (2) The Director of Public Health may authorise a health practitioner administering the vaccine to issue a certificate under subregulation (1), where it is impractical for the Director to issue such certificate.
- (3) The Secretary may approve the form of certificate of Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination.

9 Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination record

For the purposes of Regulation 10, the following information of the person vaccinated shall be recorded:

- (a) full name;
- (b) sex;
- (c) date of birth;

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- (d) place of birth;
- (e) nationality;
- (f) residential address;
- (g) time of vaccination;
- (h) date of vaccination;
- (i) name of vaccine;
- (j) name of manufacturer of vaccine;
- (k) vaccine batch number; and
- (l) vaccine expiration date.

10 Record of person vaccinated

- (1) The Director of Public Health shall keep and maintain a record of persons vaccinated against Coronavirus (COVID-19).
- (2) The Director of Public Health shall provide to the Minister a record of persons vaccinated against Coronavirus (COVID-19).

11 Managing, storing, handling and disposing of Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine

The Secretary shall formulate procedures necessary for managing, storing, handling and disposing of Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccines.
