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**COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) .../...**

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(Text with EEA relevance)

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

### **1. CONTEXT OF THE DELEGATED ACT**

Directive (EU) 2024/2841 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>1</sup> established the European Disability Card and the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities, including a common standardised and accessible format for each card, as outlined in Annexes I and II of the Directive. The objective is to facilitate the freedom of movement of persons with disabilities by ensuring that, when holders of those cards travel to or visit a Member State other than that of which they are resident for a short stay, they are granted equal access to special conditions or preferential treatment with respect to services, activities and facilities, including where not provided for remuneration, and parking conditions and facilities, offered to or reserved for persons with disabilities in that Member State. The cards issued by a Member State are recognised in all Member States.

While Directive (EU) 2024/2841 lays down the common formats for the European Disability Card and the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities, further actions need to be taken to prevent and combat fraud, and to enable the security and interoperability of those cards. The impact assessment (SWD/2023/291 final) accompanying the proposal for the Directive referred to fraud and forgery as some of the problems hindering the implementation of the EU parking card for people with disabilities introduced by Council Recommendation 98/376/EC<sup>2</sup> (amended by Council Recommendation 2008/205/EC<sup>3</sup>), which preceded the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities. Therefore, appropriate technical specifications and features for the security of the physical version of the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities, which take into account the specificities of that card, need to be established. Moreover, further specifications are required to set the QR codes that are to be included on the physical versions of both cards, as mandated by the Directive. For the purposes of ensuring interoperability and security of the cards, as well as preventing and combating fraud, additional measures related to the process of verifying their validity and authenticity need to be introduced. This verification process involves the processing of personal data and therefore also requires the adoption of appropriate safeguards for the security of that data, in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>4</sup>.

To that end, and in accordance with the empowerments set out in Articles 7(7) and 8(7) of Directive (EU) 2024/2841, this Delegated Regulation sets the QR codes on the physical versions of the European Disability Card and the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities, and establishes digital features and common technical specifications that ensure the security of the physical version of the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L, 2024/2841, 14.11.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2024/2841/oj>

<sup>2</sup> Council Recommendation of 4 June 1998 on a parking card for persons with disabilities (98/376/EC), OJ L167, 12.6.1998, p. 25.

<sup>3</sup> Council Recommendation of 3 March 2008 adapting Recommendation 98/376/EC on a parking card for people with disabilities, by reason of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, Romania, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic, OJ L 63/43, 7.3.2008, p. 43.

<sup>4</sup> Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation) (OJ L 119, 4.5.2016, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/679/oj>).

Moreover, interoperability matters and security measures for personal data are established for both cards. These include measures related to the verification of the physical versions of the cards that allow invalid cards to be identified across borders, as well as the protection of personal data in this process.

Further empowerments to adopt implementing acts conferred by the European Parliament and the Council are provided in Article 9 of Directive (EU) 2024/2841 and will be acted upon at a later stage. Those empowerments include setting the accessible digital versions of the European Disability Card and the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities, establishing common technical specifications and ensuring interoperability. It is essential that any measures taken in this Delegated Regulation do not prejudice the content of future implementing acts pursuant to Article 9 of Directive (EU) 2024/2841 or create barriers to the use of the digital versions of the cards once they are introduced.

## **2. CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE ACT**

The Commission carried out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work on this Delegated Regulation, including with persons with disabilities and their representative organisations and at expert level with Member State representatives, in accordance with Article 14(4) of Directive (EU) 2024/2841.

The Commission organised six European Disability Card and European Parking Card Expert Group meetings and two meetings with persons with disabilities and their representative organisations in the course of 2025 and 2026. These meetings allowed for discussions on possible antifraud and security features to be added to the European Disability Card and European Parking Card for persons with disabilities, as well as interoperability arrangements. The participants were given the opportunity to provide feedback both at the meetings and subsequently in writing. Moreover, in line with the principles laid down in the Inter-Institutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making (Inter-Institutional Agreement)<sup>5</sup>, in order to ensure equal participation in the preparation of delegated acts, the European Parliament and the Council received all the documents at the same time as Member States' experts, and their experts, in an observer capacity, have systematically had access to the meetings of the Commission expert group.

The draft Delegated Regulation was published on the Better Regulation portal for a two-week feedback period between 15 April and 30 April 2026. In total, 53 stakeholders provided feedback. Furthermore, at the meetings of the Member States Expert Group on 15 December 2025, 14 January 2026, and 21 April 2026 the draft delegated Regulation was presented to Member States' experts and discussed.

## **3. LEGAL ELEMENTS OF THE DELEGATED ACT**

This Delegated Regulation is adopted on the basis of the empowerments given to the Commission in Articles 7(7) and 8(7) of Directive (EU) 2024/2841 and according to the conditions laid down in Article 14 of the Directive.

In accordance with Article 31 of the Inter-Institutional Agreement, this Delegated Regulation combines in a single act two interrelated empowerments of Directive (EU) 2024/2841. Article 7(7) of the Directive concerns the European Disability Card, while Article 8(7) pertains to the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities. These Articles empower the European Commission to set the QR codes and, if appropriate, other state-of-the-art digital features that

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<sup>5</sup> OJ L 123, 12.5.2016, p. 1, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree\\_interinst/2016/512/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_interinst/2016/512/oj).

use electronic means for the physical versions of both cards, as well as appropriate security measures for personal data in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and interoperability matters, such as common Union applications for reading data contained in digital features in the physical version of the cards that use electronic means to prevent and combat fraud. The only difference between the two empowerments is related to the security of the physical versions of the cards, as the Commission is empowered to establish digital features for the European Disability Card and common technical specifications for the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities for that purpose.

Article 1 specifies the subject matter of this Regulation.

Articles 2 and 3 in conjunction with Annexes I and II set the specifications for the QR codes on the physical versions of the European Disability Card and the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities.

Article 4 establishes the mandatory common technical specifications for the security of the physical version of the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities.

Article 5 establishes additional technical specifications for increased security of the physical version of the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities that Member States may choose to implement.

Article 6, in conjunction with Annexes I, II, III and IV, governs interoperability matters with regard to the digital features of the physical versions of the cards to enable their seamless cross-border use and the verification of their authenticity and validity.

Article 7 lays down security measures for the protection of personal data contained in the digital features on the physical versions of the European Disability Card and the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities, in compliance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

# COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) .../...

of 1.7.2026

**supplementing Directive (EU) 2024/2841 as regards setting the QR code on the physical version of the European Disability Card and setting the QR code and establishing common technical specifications that ensure the security of the physical version of the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities, as well as interoperability matters**

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Directive (EU) 2024/2841 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2024 establishing the European Disability Card and the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 7(7) and Article 8(7) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Directive (EU) 2024/2841 lays down the rules governing the issuance of the European Disability Card and the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities and common templates for those cards. In accordance with Article 7(2) and Article 8(2) of Directive (EU) 2024/2841, European Disability Cards and European Parking Cards for persons with disabilities issued by Member States are to be mutually recognised in all Member States.
- (2) The empowerments provided by Article 7(7) and Article 8(7) of Directive (EU) 2024/2841 have the same purpose, namely the prevention and combat of fraud, the security of the physical versions of the European Disability Card and the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities, including through appropriate security measures for personal data in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>2</sup>, as well as ensuring interoperability. As the subject matter and objectives of the empowerments largely coincide, it is appropriate to lay down rules supplementing Directive (EU) 2024/2841 as regards those matters in a single delegated act.
- (3) Directive (EU) 2024/2841 provides for the physical versions of the European Disability Card and the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities to contain a QR code as a state-of-the-art digital feature that uses electronic means to prevent and combat fraud. As such, QR codes are a mandatory digital feature to be printed on all physical cards. To ensure a uniform approach in the creation and use of the QR codes by the Member States, the Commission should adopt technical specifications to set the QR codes, including their content.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L, 2024/2841, 14.11.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2024/2841/oj>.

<sup>2</sup> Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation) (OJ L 119, 4.5.2016, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/679/oj>).

- (4) The European Parking Card for persons with disabilities will replace all existing parking cards for persons with disabilities issued in accordance with Council Recommendation 98/376/EC<sup>3</sup>. That Recommendation has not been updated to reflect technological and digitalisation developments and Member States have experienced problems with fraud and forgery. Therefore, it is necessary to establish the features that ensure the security of the physical version of the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities, which take into account its specificities such as the fact that it is usually behind the windscreen of the vehicle.
- (5) Mandatory common technical specifications should be introduced to ensure the security of the physical version of the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities. Printing the card on an appropriate material, such as polycarbonate, using a diffractive optically variable image device would effectively protect against forgery and falsification. Anti-scan patterns would further increase security by making card duplication detectable, as they should contain a hidden text or a pattern, which would appear when the card is photocopied or scanned. Those features are to be applied without affecting the format of the physical version of the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities set out in Annex II to Directive (EU) 2024/2841, including the visual appearance of the card.
- (6) In addition to the QR code and other mandatory technical specifications established by this Regulation, Member States should have the possibility to incorporate optional digital or physical security features, based on common technical specifications laid down in this Regulation, in the physical version of the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities to enhance its security. Where optional digital features contain more personal data than those provided for in the physical versions of the cards, in accordance with point 3(b) of Annex II to Directive (EU) 2024/2841 access to such data is to be limited to public authorities of the issuing Member States and only to authorised users. To maintain a harmonised framework for security features across Member States, the list of optional features should be exhaustive. Moreover, Member States should ensure that the integration of one or more of the optional digital or physical security features does not affect the recognition of valid cards from other Member States or compromise interoperability and the functionality of the mandatory technical specifications.
- (7) The physical version of the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities may contain a radio-frequency identification (RFID) chip as an optional digital security feature. RFID makes use of electromagnetic radiating waves or reactive field coupling in the radio frequency portion of the spectrum to communicate to or from a tag through a variety of modulation and encoding schemes to uniquely read the identity of a radio frequency tag or other data stored on it<sup>4</sup>. RFID chips can strengthen protection against forgery and tampering through securely storing or transmitting card-related data. The physical version of the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities may also contain optically variable ink or colour-shifting ink. Such inks provide adequate protection against copying of and tampering with the card without requiring personalisation. To ensure that the card's data are properly secured against

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<sup>3</sup> Council Recommendation 98/376/EC of 4 June 1998 on a parking card for people with disabilities (OJ L 167, 12.6.1998, p. 25, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reco/1998/376/oj>).

<sup>4</sup> Commission Recommendation of 12 May 2009 on the implementation of privacy and data protection principles in applications supported by radio-frequency identification (notified under document number C(2009) 3200) (OJ L 122, 16.5.2009).

counterfeiting and falsification attempts, the text of the data fields may be integrated into the basic material of the card using laser-engraving technology. Physical security features, whether set as mandatory or optional in this Regulation, which are not visible or that become visible following certain manipulations do not contradict the format of the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities set out in Annex II to Directive (EU) 2024/2841.

- (8) Technological advancements, parking verification systems and security risks are continuously evolving. The state of the art develops and the usage of the European Disability Card and the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities evolves, driven by both user feedback and technological progress, and so do techniques of fraud and forgery, leading to evolving security challenges. Therefore, new technological solutions, including those in parking verification, as well as security and anti-fraud prevention needs might necessitate changes in the security and anti-fraud architecture of the cards, including through updating the categorisation of digital features as either mandatory or optional. Depending on technological developments this may necessitate the update of this Regulation.
- (9) To ensure that the physical versions of the European Disability Card and the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities can be used seamlessly across all Member States, it is necessary to guarantee interoperability of the digital features on the physical cards, in particular the QR codes. Interoperability should enable the verification of the authenticity and validity of the physical versions of the cards by card verifiers - any natural or legal person who verifies the validity and authenticity of the physical versions of the cards, for example by means of a verification application. To that end, it is necessary to lay down provisions on matters relating to interoperability so as to enable cross-border verifications of the physical versions of the cards to be performed in a consistent and reliable manner.
- (10) To ensure the integrity and origin of the data contained in the QR codes on the physical versions of the European Disability Card and the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities, that data should be sealed with a qualified electronic seal as defined in Article 3, point (27), of Regulation (EU) 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>5</sup>. The QR code confirms the authenticity and validity of the physical card, when cross-checked against the verification parameters, and should not in itself attest the disability status or the entitlement to specific services based on a disability.
- (11) In order to facilitate interoperability and the establishment of a trustworthy and secure verification system of the physical versions of the European Disability Card and the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities across the Union, information notification and publication mechanisms should be established. In this regard, and in order to enable the verification that the physical versions of the cards are issued by a competent authority or body, Member States should provide the information necessary for the verification process, specifically the information required to verify the qualified electronic seal. Therefore, the Member States should be required to notify the Commission of the competent authorities or bodies responsible for issuing the physical versions of the cards (card issuers), as well as the relevant administrative and technical information relating to them. The information to be notified to the Commission should

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<sup>5</sup> Regulation (EU) 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market and repealing Directive 1999/93/EC (OJ L 257, 28.8.2014, p. 73, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2014/910/oj>).

be limited to what is necessary to establish interoperable verification mechanisms for verifying the validity and authenticity of the physical versions of the European Disability Card and the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities. The Commission should ensure public access to that information.

- (12) Furthermore, in the event of card revocation, information about the revocation of the card should be promptly made available to enable card verifiers to verify the validity of the card. For this purpose, card issuers should maintain and publish in a timely manner lists containing information on the revocation status of all cards that they have revoked prior to their expiry dates (revocation lists). Such publication should respect the privacy and protect the personal data of the card holders. Moreover, revocation lists should not contain any personal data other than the unique revocation identifiers and should be published at a specific Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) in accordance with technical specifications to ensure interoperable verification.
- (13) To read the QR code and verify the authenticity and validity of the physical versions of the European Disability Card and the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities, customised verification applications at national level, may be used. The Commission can support this process by providing a common sample source code for the purpose of reading data contained in the QR codes, and for performing the main steps of the verification process, which can serve as a basis for the verification applications in Member States. All verification applications should perform the same trust-chain verification logic against the same trust infrastructure, thereby enabling the reading of data encoded in the cards by the issuing Member State. In addition, Annex I to Directive (EU) 2019/882 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>6</sup> sets out accessibility requirements to be complied with by Member States, where applicable.
- (14) Recognising the dynamic nature of technological advancements and evolving cybersecurity threats, the Union is committed to ensuring that cryptographic mechanisms employed within its regulatory framework remain effective and secure. In light of this commitment, it is important to adopt cryptographic standards endorsed by the European Cybersecurity Certification Group and disseminated through the European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA).
- (15) Regulation (EU) 2016/679 applies to the processing of personal data under this Regulation. In particular, the verification of the QR codes on the physical versions of the European Disability Card and the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities involves the processing of personal data. Therefore, appropriate data protection safeguards should be established to ensure the protection of personal data contained in the QR codes in compliance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679, where applicable. The general security measures provided in this Regulation should also ensure protection of personal data contained in the QR codes. In addition, the personal data contained in the QR codes should be limited to what is strictly necessary for the purpose of this Regulation. Moreover, retention of the data after the verification is completed should be prohibited. It is also necessary to ensure appropriate security of the revocation lists.
- (16) In accordance with Article 14(4) of Directive (EU) 2024/2841, in the preparation of this Regulation the Commission consulted persons with disabilities and their

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<sup>6</sup> Directive (EU) 2019/882 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 on the accessibility requirements for products and services (OJ L 151, 7.6.2019, p. 70, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2019/882/oj>)

representative organisations as well as experts designated by each Member State in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making<sup>7</sup>.

- (17) The European Disability Card and the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities constitute a trans-European digital public service within the meaning of Regulation (EU) 2024/903 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>8</sup>. Accordingly, an interoperability assessment has been carried out, and the resulting report is to be published on the Interoperable Europe Portal referred to in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2024/903.
- (18) The European Data Protection Supervisor was consulted on this Regulation in accordance with Article 42(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>9</sup> and it delivered an opinion on 12 May 2026,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

## *Article 1*

### **Subject matter and scope**

This Regulation lays down the rules supplementing Directive (EU) 2024/2841 as regards:

- (a) setting the QR code for the physical versions of the European Disability Card and the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities, including appropriate security measures for personal data;
- (b) establishing common mandatory and optional technical specifications that ensure the security of the physical version of the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities;
- (c) setting interoperability requirements necessary to ensure that QR codes on the physical versions of the European Disability Card or the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities issued in one Member State can be reliably read and verified in another Member State.

## *Article 2*

### **QR code on the physical version of the European Disability Card**

The specifications for the QR code that is to appear on the physical version of the European Disability Card shall be those set out in Annex I.

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<sup>7</sup> OJ L 123, 12.5.2016, p. 1, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree\\_interinstit/2016/512/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_interinstit/2016/512/oj).

<sup>8</sup> Regulation (EU) 2024/903 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 March 2024 laying down measures for a high level of public sector interoperability across the Union (Interoperable Europe Act) (OJ L, 2024/903, 22.3.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/903/oj>).

<sup>9</sup> Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1725/oj>).

### *Article 3*

#### **QR code on the physical version of the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities**

The specifications for the QR code that is to appear on the physical version of the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities shall be those set out in Annex II.

### *Article 4*

#### **Mandatory common technical specifications for the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities**

1. The physical versions of the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities shall comply with the following common technical specifications:
  - (a) they shall be made of a material which protects against delamination and is capable of complying with the requirements set out in Annex II to the Directive (EU) 2024/2841 and other mandatory common technical specifications set out in this Article;
  - (b) they shall contain a diffractive optically variable image device as an element of layered structure which becomes visible when the card is looked at from a certain angle;
  - (c) they shall be made using an anti-scan pattern which becomes visible when a card is photocopied or scanned.
2. The diffractive optically variable image device referred to in paragraph 1, point (b), shall appear on the front side of the physical version of the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities over one or more of the data fields on the left-hand side. It shall be approximately 20 mm in height and 20 mm in width. The image shown on the device shall consist of a stylised map of the issuing Member State or the distinguishing code of the issuing Member State surrounded by the circle of 12 stars symbolising the Union.
3. The anti-scan pattern referred to in paragraph 1, point (c), shall be located on the front side of the physical version of the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities above the data fields on the left-hand side and/or on the right-hand side outside the QR code and its quiet zone. It shall contain a hidden text or pattern, which would appear when the card is photocopied or scanned. Where the anti-scan pattern contains a hidden text, it shall consist of the words “COPY” or “VOID”, and a translation thereof in one or more official languages of the issuing Member State. Where the anti-scan pattern contains a hidden pattern, it shall be composed of horizontal or vertical lines.

### *Article 5*

#### **Optional technical specifications and features for the security of the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities**

1. In addition to the mandatory common technical specifications referred to in Article 4, Member States may apply only the optional technical specifications and features laid down in this Article.

2. Physical versions of the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities may contain a radio-frequency identification (RFID) chip. The RFID chip shall prevent and combat fraud through electronic means and serve as an additional means for verification of the authenticity and/or validity of a physical version of the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities at national level. The RFID chip shall not affect the functioning of the QR code on the card.
3. Any RFID chip referred to in paragraph 2 shall comply with the following specifications:
  - (a) it shall be passive;
  - (b) it shall be physically integrated into the body of the card on the front right-hand side;
  - (c) it shall be logically linked to the QR code record and shall contain the same revocation identifier (RID) as that encoded in the QR code;
  - (d) the RFID feature shall support reading at approximately 1 metre or more where required for operational use, but shall not be designed for reliable reading beyond 5 metres under reference test conditions.;
  - (e) after issuance of the card, write access to the RFID chip, or to the relevant data area thereof, shall be prevented or otherwise controlled by the issuing authority;
  - (f) it shall be designed and configured so as to minimise the risk of cloning, substitution, unauthorised modification and unauthorised rewriting;
  - (g) it shall comply with the requirements of Directive 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>10</sup>;
  - (h) in addition to the RID referred to in point (c), the RFID chip may store only one or more of the following:
    - (i) data encoded in the QR code of the physical version of the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities;
    - (ii) vehicle plate number(s);
    - (iii) cryptographic verification data.
4. The front side of the physical versions of the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities may contain one or more of the following features:
  - (a) the wheelchair symbol on the left-hand side or the words European Parking Card for persons with disabilities in English and one or more official languages of the issuing Member State on the right-hand side, printed with optically variable ink or colour shifting ink, revealing changing colours when viewed from different angles;
  - (b) the use of laser-engraving technology that penetrates into the card layers to print the text in the data fields.

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<sup>10</sup> Directive 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of radio equipment and repealing Directive 1999/5/EC (OJ L 153, 22.5.2014, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2014/53/oj>).

5. The introduction of optional technical specifications and features referred to in this Article shall not affect the recognition, in the Member State having introduced such features for the cards it issues, of valid cards issued in other Member States.

## *Article 6*

### **Interoperability matters**

1. The information included in the QR code shall be sealed with a qualified electronic seal within the meaning of Article 3, point (27), of Regulation (EU) No 910/2014.
2. Each Member State shall communicate to the Commission information about competent authorities or bodies responsible for issuing the physical versions of the European Disability Card or the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities (“card issuers”), and any subsequent updates to that information in accordance with Annex III. The Commission shall ensure public access to that information.
3. Card issuers shall maintain and publish at a Uniform Resource Identifier that is notified to the Commission up-to-date revocation lists containing information on the revocation status of all cards that they have revoked in accordance with the technical specifications laid down in Annex IV. Information about the revocation shall be published within 24 hours of that revocation.
4. Member States may use verification applications to verify the authenticity and validity of the physical versions of the European Disability Card and European Parking Card for persons with disabilities.
5. Where Member States use verification applications to verify the authenticity and validity of the physical versions of the European Disability Card and European Parking Card for persons with disabilities, such applications shall be capable of verifying the authenticity and validity of a card by checking the electronic seal and the revocation status of the card. These verification applications shall read, and present a visual representation of, the personal data encoded in the QR code of the card, as set out in Annexes I and II, to allow for a comparison with the data visible in the corresponding data fields on the card, and an indication concerning the validity status of the card.

## *Article 7*

### **Security measures for the protection of personal data**

1. The personal data contained in the QR codes on the physical versions of the European Disability Card and the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities shall be limited to what is strictly necessary to verify the authenticity and validity of the cards, as set out in Annexes I and II.
2. Following the completion of the verification of the authenticity and validity of a physical version of the European Disability Card or the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities by card verifiers, the data contained in the QR codes shall not be retained by the card verifiers.
3. The verification of a QR code on a physical version of the European Disability Card or the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities shall not result in the competent authority or body responsible for issuing the card being notified of that verification.

4. Information included in a revocation list published in accordance with Article 6(3) shall be limited to the revocation identifier of revoked cards.
5. The authority or body responsible for publishing the revocation lists in accordance with Article 6(3) shall ensure that appropriate technical and organisational security measures apply to the processing of personal data contained in revocation lists.
6. Where a Member State decides to incorporate an RFID chip in the physical version of the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities, paragraphs 2 to 3 shall apply to the processing of the personal data contained in that chip. The personal data contained in the RFID chip shall be limited to what is strictly necessary to verify the authenticity and/or validity of the cards, as set out in Article 5(3).

Where a Member State stores in the RFID chip personal data referred to in Article 5, which is not provided for in the physical version of the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities as set out in Annex II to Directive (EU) 2024/2841, access to such data shall be limited to public authorities of the issuing Member State and only to authorised users.

#### *Article 8*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 1.7.2026

*For the Commission*  
*The President*  
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