



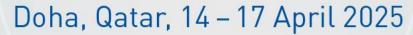








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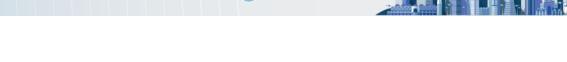


Who are the Inadmissible Persons in Aviation?

Inadmissible passengers (INADs) are individuals who are denied entry into a country by its authorities upon arrival or during transit:

- Improper Documentation: Passengers may lack the valid travel documents, visas, or health certificates required for entry.
- Illegal Entry Attempts: Using fraudulent documents, impostor, insufficient length of passport's validity, insufficient blank pages in passport, or traveling without proper identification.
- Other Reasons: Insufficient assets, exceeding the allowed tourist days, or failing immigration interviews.





Exploring Inadmissibility Through a Geopolitical Lens

- Stricter immigration controls amid rising geopolitical tensions
- Surge in refugee and asylum seeker movements
- Economic instability affecting various countries
- Unexpected changes in visa and entry policies impacting airlines and travelers
- Rise in fraudulent documentation during crises



Manual paper documents and the lack of standard methods create challenges for states, airlines, and passengers.



Airlines Challenges

Costs

Reputation

States not following ICAO Annex 9

Operational complexity

Operational Disruptions

Passenger Dissatisfaction





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IATA is Addressing INADs Challenges

- Identify and fill existing data gaps on the occurrence rate of INADs
- Evaluate the costs of INADs to the industry
- Assess limitations faced by carriers and authorities in handling INAD cases
- Develop guidance for cooperative INAD case management
- Encourage government implementation of pre-travel verification tools
- Leverage IATA's One ID initiative focused on digitalising admissibility

Reflections and way forward



Both governments and airlines must acknowledge their responsibilities and work collaboratively to fulfill their roles effectively



Emphasizing regulatory harmonization is vital, and ICAO Annex 9 serves as an essential framework in this regard



By standardizing digital travels through ICAO, we can enhance interoperability and create a more secure and smoother travel experience for everyone

