



STANDARDS FOR EMERGENCY/TEMPORARY PASSPORTS

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Areas to be covered

- Background
- The need for guidance
- Information Collection
- ICAO current guidance
- Outcome of discussions at NTWG Sydney
- Next steps



Background

- Brussels NTWG meeting March 2009
- TAG 15 WP (April 2004)
- Draft (8th) 6th Edition (May 2005) Part 1 Volume 1
- Sydney meeting October 2009



Why do we need guidance?

- Travel documents more secure, more difficult to tamper with
- ePassport becoming more widespread – validation adds further protection against tampering
- Increase in countries repatriating overseas applications necessitating issue of temporary passport in some cases
- INTERPOL SLTD & MIND/FIND

As a consequence:

- Fraudsters turn to the weakest documents
- Emergency travel documents at greater risk if they have weak protection



Current ICAO guidance

- Part 1 Volume 1 – no reference to emergency documents
- However Draft version of the 6th Edition did:
- ***Emergency Passport: A passport issued to a traveller in a situation where the normal procedure for issuing an MRP cannot be followed because of the need to travel is urgent. The situations in which this could occur are, for example, following the death of a relative in another State, or where the traveller has lost his MRP or had it stolen in another State when the emergency passport would be issued by the embassy of the traveller's State. The emergency passport ideally should conform to the specifications for an MRP.***



Information Gathering - Results

Results of survey:

- 12 countries responded – but also used IF4TD resources
- Variety of documents being used – books and single sheet documents
- Variety of names being used for the document
- Some countries using two or more types of books
- Validity periods vary
- Security features used in books but lacking on single sheet documents



Areas for consideration (1)

- Do we need emergency travel documents?
- Is it appropriate for ICAO to include guidance on such documents?
- If it is, what areas should it cover and should it be a standard, best practice recommendations or a mixture of both? Should it be in Doc 9303, Annex 9 or both?
- Should all emergency passports be issued in booklet form?
- Should a standard name be used?
- Should a logo be used?



Areas for consideration(2)

- Should the book always be in a different colour to the standard national book?
- Should there be standard period of validity?
- Should there be more stringent security requirements for emergency documents, especially one sheet documents?
- Should all emergency documents contain an integrated image?



Action for TAG/Next Steps

- Give approval for further work on drafting guidance on emergency passports/travel documents
- Draft guidance to be presented to next NTWG meeting in Bangkok in March 2010 with aim of completing work by October/November meeting in Japan
- Once agreed, guidance would be included in a future Supplement to Doc 9303 and then the next (7th) edition Volume 1 Part 1, Doc 9303

