

ICBWG Report on Doc 9303 Compliance (WP10)



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Machine Readable Travel Documents**

Background

- April 2010 deadline for MRPs
- Obtaining official information on compliance status is difficult
- Working Paper is based on the best information available at time of reporting



Current Status

- Small number of Member States are still issuing hand-written passports
 - Afghanistan, Algeria, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Kiribati, Libya, and Mauritania
 - Djibouti and DPRK issue MRPs for diplomatic and service only
 - Most appear to have plans or projects to introduce MRPs



Current Status (2)

- ICBWG has identified a small number of states confirmed as having issues that affect, or may affect, the compliance status of their MRP
 - Benin, Congo, Guinea-Bissau
 - Iran and Tajikistan are resolved
 - ICBWG undertaking further investigation into Laos, Guinea Conakry, East Timor, Somalia



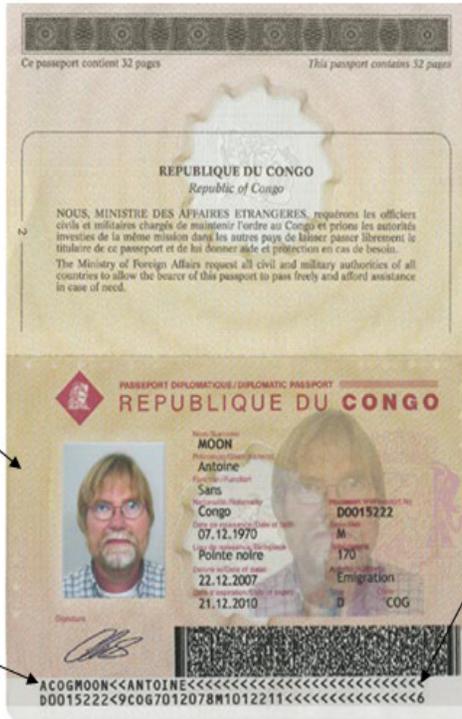
Letters

- The ICBWG, through the Secretariat, has corresponded with the five states drawing attention to compliance issues with their documents and offering assistance
- To date, only Congo has responded to the Secretariat



Letters (2)

Congolese Passport: Compliance Observations



1) Photograph-Area

The area outlined in blue indicates the correct location of the photograph.

The photo in this document is printed outside the specified region.

Reference: Appendix 2 to Section IV

2) Document Identifier

The letter 'P' is the universal character used to identify a machine-readable passport.

The document type is shown in this document starts with an 'A'.

The current format will not be recognized as a passport by border control systems.

Reference: Section IV-14, Clause 9.6

3) Data Formatting & Country Code

The second character is associated with the document type. If there is no additional identifier needed, it should be represented as 'A'.

The country code, 'COG' is incorrectly printed in this position.

The nationality will not be recognized correctly by border systems.

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4) Position and Spacing

The location of the data lines must be printed in a specific location, position, and spacing, as illustrated by the yellow outlines.

The data lines in this document have issues related to spacing and position (both vertical and horizontal), which will affect readability.

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Reference: Appendix 3 to Section IV

6) Data Formatting & Check Digits

The lower machine-readable line contains multiple 'check-digits', which confirm the integrity of the data field.

The check-digits on this passport were not calculated correctly.

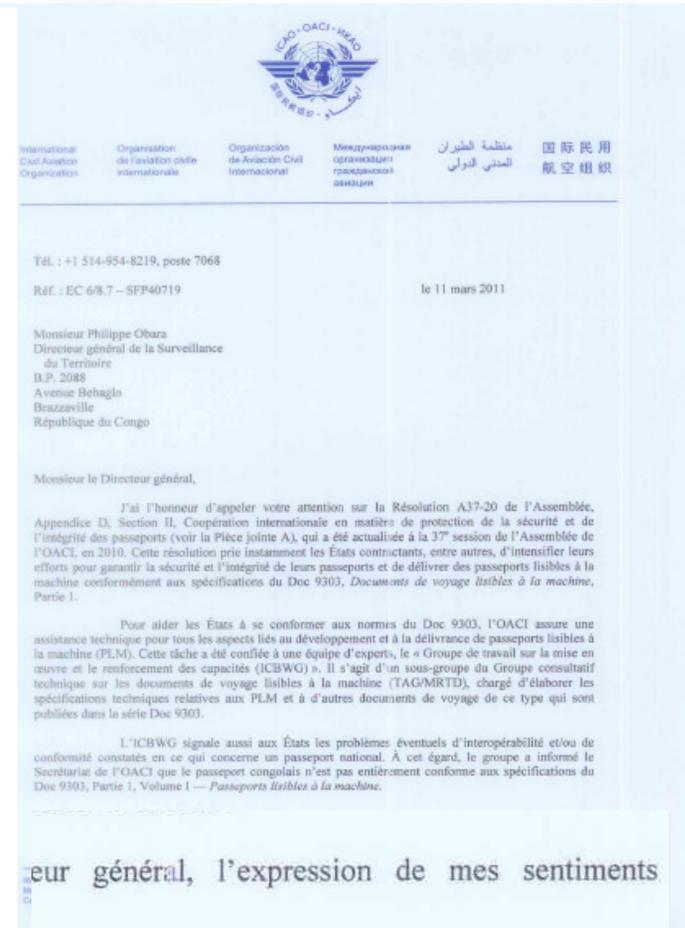
Reference: Section IV-24, Clause 16

5) Machine-Readable Zone

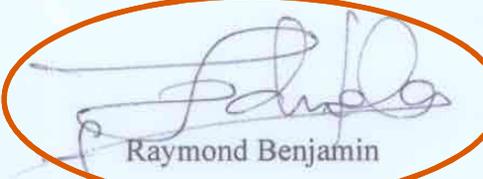
The area outlined in red is reserved exclusively for the two machine-readable data lines.

The 2D barcode and bearer's signature are incorrectly printed in this area, which will affect readability.

Reference: Appendix 2 to Section IV



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Raymond Benjamin

The TAG/MRTD is invited to:

- a) note the information provided and the approach the ICBWG has taken; and
- b) approve, in principle, that the ICBWG continue to identify and communicate issues of non-compliance.

