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Advancing the TRIP Strategy



Technical Advisory Group on the Traveller Identification Programme (TAG/TRIP)

Supports development of policy, proposals and recommendations contributing to the ICAO TRIP Strategy

This includes maintaining related
Standards and Recommended Practices
(Annex 9) and technical specifications
(Doc 9303)

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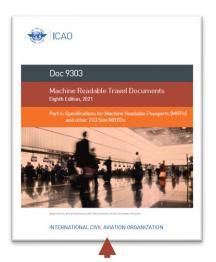
Implementation and Capacity Building Working Group (ICBWG)

Annex 9 and Doc 9303



ANNEX 9

Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) related to facilitating and expediting travel



DOC 9303

Technical Specifications for travel documents and other credentials used during travel (passport, visa, etc.)



All passports issued by Contracting States shall be machine readable in accordance with the specifications of Doc 9303, Part 4.



Clause 2.1 (Construction), Doc 9303, Part 4, Eight Edition

The MRP shall take the form of a book consisting of a cover and a minimum of eight pages and shall include a data page...



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NTWG's Role in Maintaining TRIP-Related SARPs in Annex 9



NTWG

Develops strategy, policy, and technical specifications in relation to the manufacture, security, issuance and verification of globally interoperable machine readable travel documents, including:

- updating existing technical specifications as needed
- Introducing new technological solutions



SARPs maintenance linked to Doc 9303

Introduction of new content/changes to existing technical specifications may require supporting Annex 9 SARPS to ensure global interoperability and security



Direct input into Annex 9 maintenance

NTWG technical experts directly feed into and inform the maintenance of Annex 9 SARPs, and definitions also reflected in Doc 9303

SARPs Maintenance linked to Doc 9303

June 2021 October 2023 February 2024

TAG/TRIP endorses Doc 9303 amendments with accompanying mandatory implementation timelines

The technical amendments advanced by the NTWG include changes to:

- How the MRP type is identified in passports (standardized document type indicator)
- The mechanism used by inspection systems to access the ePassport chip data
- How biometrics are stored in the ePassport chip

TAG/TRIP supports exploring new Annex 9
Standards based on Doc 9303 amendments

Why Standards?

- Ensure States are aware of the technical amendments to Doc 9303
- Avoid interoperability issues by ensuring implementation by the established dates
- Support key principles of the TRIP Strategy

New Annex 9 Standards proposed by the Facilitation Panel

Adoption process underway:

 New Standards expected to become applicable in Summer 2025 as part of Amendment 30 to Annex 9



Example of new Annex 9 Standard stemming from Doc 9303 technical specifications

All passports issued by Contracting States shall be issued with a secondary document type indicator in accordance with the specifications of Doc 9303 no later than 1 January 2028.

Direct Input into Annex 9 Maintenance



ICBWG Exploratory Assessment of Annex 9



Reviewing all Annex 9 travel document references (SARPs and definitions) to ensure they are clear and remain relevant to the operating environment



Exploring new SARPs addressing interoperability issues and/or supporting greater facilitation and security

Undertaken in close collaboration with the NTWG

Technical, passport and border experts are informing proposed changes to Annex 9

First round of proposals presented to the Facilitation Panel in February 2024

Endorsed changes to the MRTD and eMRTD definitions will be reflected in the 9th edition of Doc 9303

Second round of proposals under development

Exploring new definitions (companion documents) and SARPs (passport validity)

Spotlight: Exploring New Passport Validity SARPs

The Annex 9 Exploratory Assessment is investigating whether new SARPs related to passport validity would be beneficial, specifically:

- Is a new Standard limiting passport validity to no more than 10 years needed?
- Is a new Recommend Practice outlining the ideal passport validity period based on the longevity of the physical book, physical/digital security features, the chip and the facial biometric needed?



We are seeking views via an online questionnaire!

The questionnaire seeks to identify the benefits, challenges and overall implications related to introducing new passport validity SARPs. Your feedback will inform the ICBWG's final recommendation, to be presented to the TAG/TRIP in November 2025.

https://survey.sogolytics.com/r/dQhQgo



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