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Implementing Standard Biometric ePassports

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Overview

- Vision, Goals and Objectives
- Considerations
- Interoperability
- e-Passport Specifications
- Identity Management

Vision, Goals and Objectives

Goals

- >Improve document security
- >Improve facilitation
- Use of biometrics
 - Create a link between the document and the bearer
- Global interoperability

Interoperability

- Four Pillars of Interoperability
 - >Common Data Structure
 - >Common Biometrics
 - ▶ Common Data Storage
 - Common Security (Encryption/PKI)

Common Data Structures

Type of data

Order of appearance

Only basic bio-data is mandatory

Biometrics

- Reviewed a variety of biometric approaches
- Facial recognition selected as the biometric for global interoperability
 - ➤ Iris and Fingerprint as optional second biometrics

Common Data Storage

- Contactless IC Chip
 - ►ISO 14443 standard

- 32K technical minimum
 - >64K is viewed as a 'best practice'

Location not specified

Common Security

- Public Key Infrastructure
 - Digitally sign data
- Sharing of Public Keys
 - ➤ICAO to host a Public Key Directory (PKD)

E-Passports

- Standard passport booklet with:
 - >Embedded contactless chip
 - >Personal bio-data and photo
 - > All stored and secured in accordance with ICAO specifications
- MRZ required
 - > Basic Access Control recommended

Identity Management

Essential to correctly identify applicants for passports

Consequences of misidentification