

**FACILITATION (FAL) DIVISION — TWELFTH SESSION****Cairo, Egypt, 22 March to 2 April 2004**

- Agenda Item 2: Facilitation and security of travel documents and border control formalities**
2.3: Crew identity documentation

**STANDARDIZATION OF CREW MEMBER DOCUMENTS OF
IDENTITY FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL**

(Presented by the International Air Transport Association (IATA))

SUMMARY

This working paper presents to the Division a proposal by IATA to standardize – where in use – issuance of crew identity documentation.

Action by the Division is in paragraph 3.1.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Paragraphs 3.73 to 3.76 of Annex 9 – *Facilitation* relate to the use and issuance of Crew Member Certificates (CMCs). It is currently unknown how many States issue and/or accept CMCs as bona fide travel documents in lieu of a passport and visa. The issuance of secure, verifiable travel documentation is seen as key in expediting the flow of passengers across borders, and to increase the security of civil aviation. Recent events have led States to apply stringent border control methodologies and exemptions for travellers from using verifiable travel documentation are rarely granted.

1.2 Recommended Practice 3.73.1 specifically states that CMCs “should be machine readable cards issued in accordance with the specifications in Doc 9303 Part 3”. (Further, Recommended Practice 4.7.4 of Annex 17 – *Security* also recommends that identity documentation issued to aircraft crew members conform to the relevant specifications of Doc 9303.)

2. ISSUES FACED BY OPERATORS

2.1 Ensuring personnel are in possession of correct identification documents can be problematic for operators – especially where States introduce face to face interviews for the issuance of visas.

2.2 Issuance of a standardized crew identity document would alleviate the operational pressures operators face trying to comply with requirements from different States.

3. **ACTION BY THE DIVISION**

3.1 The Division is invited to:

- a) recommend that, where States issue CMCs, these should be in the form of Machine Readable cards in accordance with the specifications in Doc 9303, Part 3! *Size 1 and Size 2 Machine Readable Official Travel Documents*; and
- b) keep ICAO informed of the issuance and acceptance of such machine readable CMCs.

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