Introduction to Fraudulent Methods used in Travel, Identity and Visa Documents

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Document Fraud

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MATERIAL FRAUD: physical & electronically obtained documents

FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINED DOCUMENTS (intellectual fraud)

DOCUMENT

IDENTITY

IMPOSTERS
Document Fraud

Modus Operandi

- Counterfeit documents
- Forged documents
  - Blank Stolen documents
- Tampering the contactless IC
  - Fraudulent obtained (without internal help)
  - Fraudulent obtained (with internal help)
- Imposters

- Pseudo documents
Definition

COUNTERFEIT DOCUMENT

An unauthorized reproduction of an authentic/genuine document.
[a document entirely produced by a fraudster/forger]
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Counterfeit Documents

Passport Greece
Document Fraud

Counterfeit Documents

ID Card Germany
FORGED DOCUMENTS

Unauthorized alteration made to an authentic/ genuine document, after having been lawfully issued.

It includes, i) photo substitution, ii) page substitution, iii) data alteration (physical or chemical erasures), attacks on the visas and on the entry/ exit stamps, etc.
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Forged Documents
Photo Substitution

Passport Republic of China
Document Fraud

Forged Documents
Photo Substitution

ID card Portugal
Document Fraud

Forged Documents
Photo Substitution

Passport Bangladesh
Document Fraud

Forged Documents
Page Substitution

Passport Philippines
Document Fraud

Forged Documents
Page Substitution

Passport Venezuela
Forged Documents
Page Substitution

Document Fraud

Passport Brazil
Document Fraud

Forged Documents
Data Alteration

Passport Zambia
Document Fraud

Forged Documents
Data Alteration

Driving License Cape Vert
Definition

BLANK STOLEN DOCUMENTS

Authentic/genuine documents, the blank of which, was misappropriated and personalized by an unauthorized person or entity.

[a document issued (personalized) by a fraudster/forgery]
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Blank Stolen Documents

Passport France
Tampering the contactless IC

An illegal addition, alteration or destruction of a contactless Integrated Chip in a authentic/genuine document.
CASE 1
- Cut in the chip area | chip exposed.
- Chip failed to read

CASE 2
- Chip area was broken | chip removed

In both cases there was a deliberate intention to disable the chip in order to enable the inspection system to read/validate the information.

CONCLUSION:
e.TR forged by alteration of its components
FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINED DOCUMENTS
[with & without internal help]

Authentic/ genuine document issued by the legal authority, based on deception by the “applicant” through:
- the use of breeder documents, either false, counterfeited or genuine ones belonging to someone else;
- cooperation of a corrupt official
- impersonation of the rightful holder of a genuine document.
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Fraudulent Obtained Residence Permit Portugal
IMPOSTER

An Imposter is someone who knowingly misrepresents him or herself by using someone else’s identity or travel document, from which the biographical details and photograph resembles more or less this person, as if he or she was the rightful bearer of such document.
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PSEUDO DOCUMENTS

Pseudo documents comprise a range of documentation which has no legal value and therefore proves neither the identity nor the nationality of an individual. A pseudo document has the appearance of an existing document, however it is not issued by an existing and legally recognized authority of a given State or Organization, recognized under international law.

It includes: i) Fantasy documents, ii) Camouflage documents, iii) Fictitious documents, etc.
Fantasy documents bear the names of imaginary states or organizations. The issuer is neither a recognized State, nor an authorized entity/authority; e.g. Hutt River Passport, Texas Passport, Republik Maluku SELATAN Surat Pas, World Service Authority Passport, etc.
Camouflage Documents

Documents that claim to come from countries or organizations that no longer exist or that have been renamed, e.g. Eastern Samoa, New Hebrides (now Vanuatu), British Honduras (now Belize), or Upper Volta (now Burkina Faso), etc.
Fictitious Documents

Documents, visas or stamps that bear the name of an existing and recognized State or organization, but do not correspond to any existing real document in the country or international organization indicated.
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Examination Order

- 1. Pseudo documents
- 2. Counterfeit documents
- 3. Forged documents
- 4. Tampering the contactless IC chip
- 5. Blank Stolen documents
- 6. Imposters
- 7. Fraudulent obtained (without internal help)
- 8. Fraudulent obtained (with internal help)
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