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Developments in the ICAO Facilitation Programmes



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Key Developments Annex 9 – Facilitation

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- **The Thirteenth Meeting of the Facilitation Panel (FALP/13) Montréal, Canada (26 February to 1 March 2024)**

Amendment 30 to Annex 9 - Adopted by the Council on 5 November 2024. Council Prescribes Amendment 30 become applicable on 11 July 2025.

- **Intersessional Meeting of the Facilitation Panel: Doha, Qatar (12–13 April 2025)**

Convened in collaboration with TAG/TRIP and the ICAO PKD Board

- **New Guidance Material**

The Facilitation Manual, Doc 9957(2nd Edition)

- **New Working Group**

Working Group on Facilitation Capacity Building (WGFCB)

- **FAL Capacity Building (five training courses and four iPacks)**

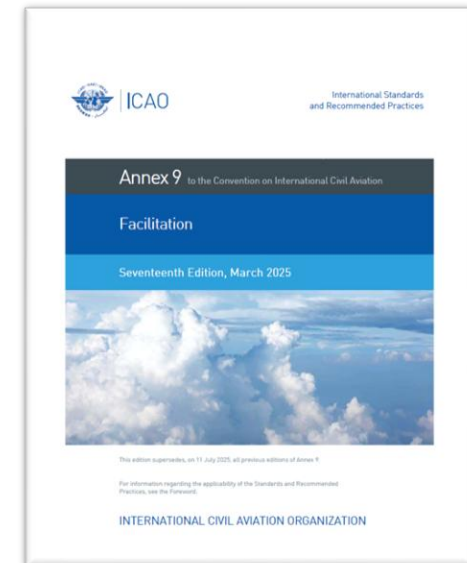
New Training Course :Managing Air Transport Facilitation

New iPacks

: Establishing National Facilitation Oversight Mechanisms

Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and Their Families

(Coming Soon) Implementation support for the ICAO TRIP Strategy Roadmap



FACILITATION
CONFERENCE
(FALC 2025)

14 to 17
April 2025
Doha, Qatar

High-level Ministerial Segment

17 April 2025

High-level attendance by 53 Ministers

Adopted Doha Declaration by
acclamation

Key Concepts - ICAO TRIP Strategy



❑ The Fourth Meeting of the TAG/TRIP (TAG/TRIP/4)

- The TAG/TRIP was held from 11 to 13 October 2023 in Montréal
- The TAG/TRIP endorsed amendments to technical specifications that will be incorporated in Doc 9303. And forwarded proposals for Amendment 30 to Annex 9, related to Borders

❑ Harmonization of the passport type indicator:

- ⇒ When Contracting States issue passports with a secondary document type indicator they shall be in accordance with the specifications of Doc 9303 no later than 1 January 2026

❑ Migration of biometrics data encoding:

- ⇒ Contracting States issuing eMRTDs shall update their facial image encoding by 1 January 2030 at the latest.

❑ Enhancing data protection measures for eMRTDs:

- ⇒ Contracting States issuing eMRTDs shall implement Password Authenticated Connection Establishment (PACE) as of 1 January 2026.





⇒ The second letter in MRP document type codes is being standardized so that ABC and API and other automated processing systems can recognize the type of MRP presented;

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1 January 2026

When Contracting States issue passports with a secondary document type indicator they shall be in accordance with the specifications of Doc 9303.

1 January 2028

All passports issued by Contracting States shall be issued with a secondary document type indicator in accordance with the specifications of Doc 9303.

1 January 2038

Contracting States shall ensure that passports issued without a harmonized secondary document type indicator in accordance with the specifications of Doc 9303 Contracting States expire before 1 January 2038.

Document Type	Document Code
National/ordinary passport	PP
Emergency passport	PE
Diplomatic passport	PD
Official/service passport	PO
Refugee passport	PR
Alien passport	PT
Stateless passport	PS
Laissez-passer passport	PL
Military passport	PM

New Annex 9 Standards and Doc 9393

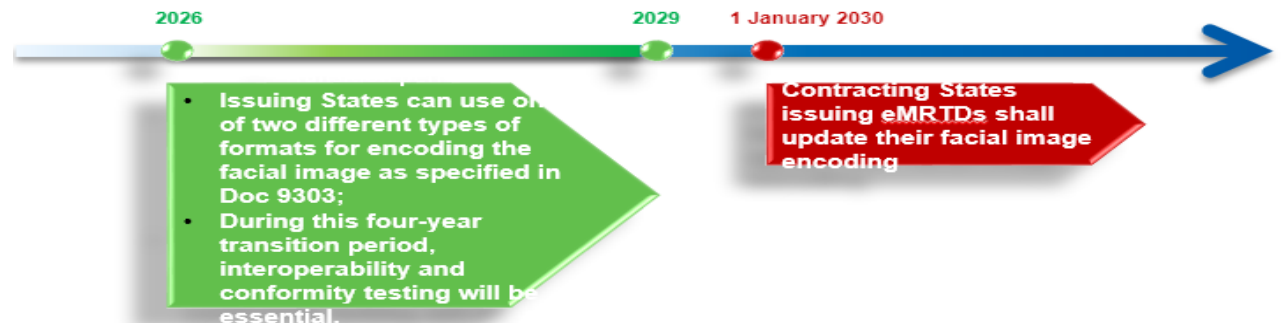
Specifications related to Borders

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❑ Migration of biometrics data encoding:

- Doc 9303 provides specifications to encode the facial image stored in Data Group 2 (DG2) of eMRTD chips.
- The current data format (encoding) of the facial image does not allow for future extensibility of the data, such as for larger portrait images or more meta data including quality and security information.
- TAG/TRIP has approved the third generation of biometric data interchange formats to maintain future extensions in a backwards and forwards compatible manner. This will resolve compatibility issues when border control systems read the facial image during inspection

❑ Timeline for migration of biometrics data encoding:



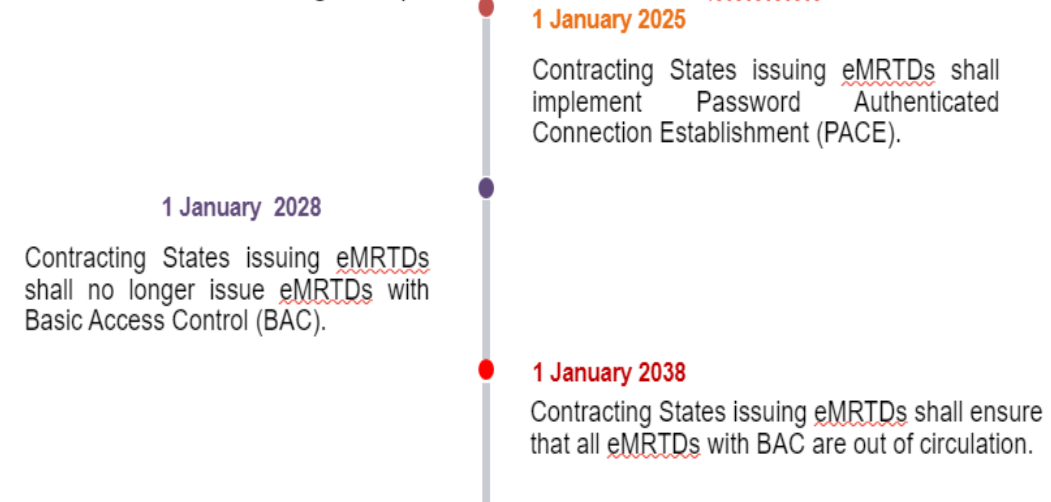
New Annex 9 Standards and Doc 9393 Specifications related to Borders

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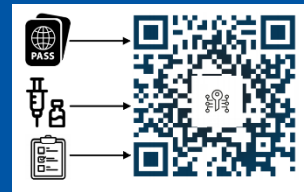
❑ Enhancing data protection measures for eMRTDs:

- Basic Access Control (BAC) is the first generation of access control mechanism protecting data on chips of eMRTD from unnoticed access and skimming. Inspection systems derive the access key from the document's MRZ;
- BAC keys are symmetric, meaning the same key is used to encrypt the data for transmission to the reader and to decrypt the data;
- Next generation PACE employs asymmetric cryptography to establish stronger protection against eavesdropping.

❑ Timeline for enhancing data protection measures for eMRTDs:

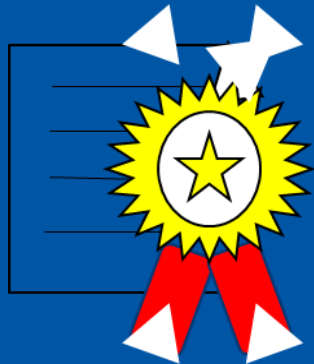


Public Keys are Needed to Electronically Verify eMRTDs



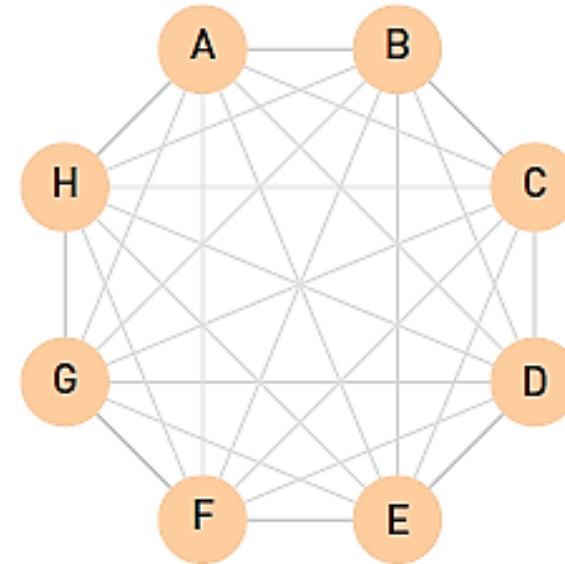
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is digitally signed
Verifying the
cryptographic
signature with the
key verifies
authenticity and
integrity

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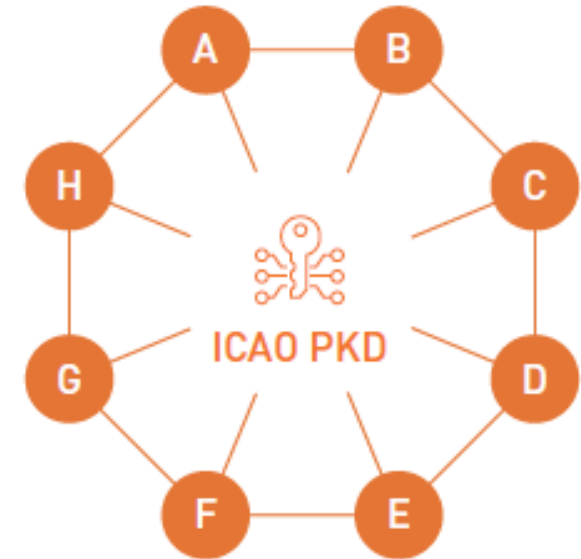


The ICAO Public Key
Directory (PKD) makes it
easier to share public
keys internationally

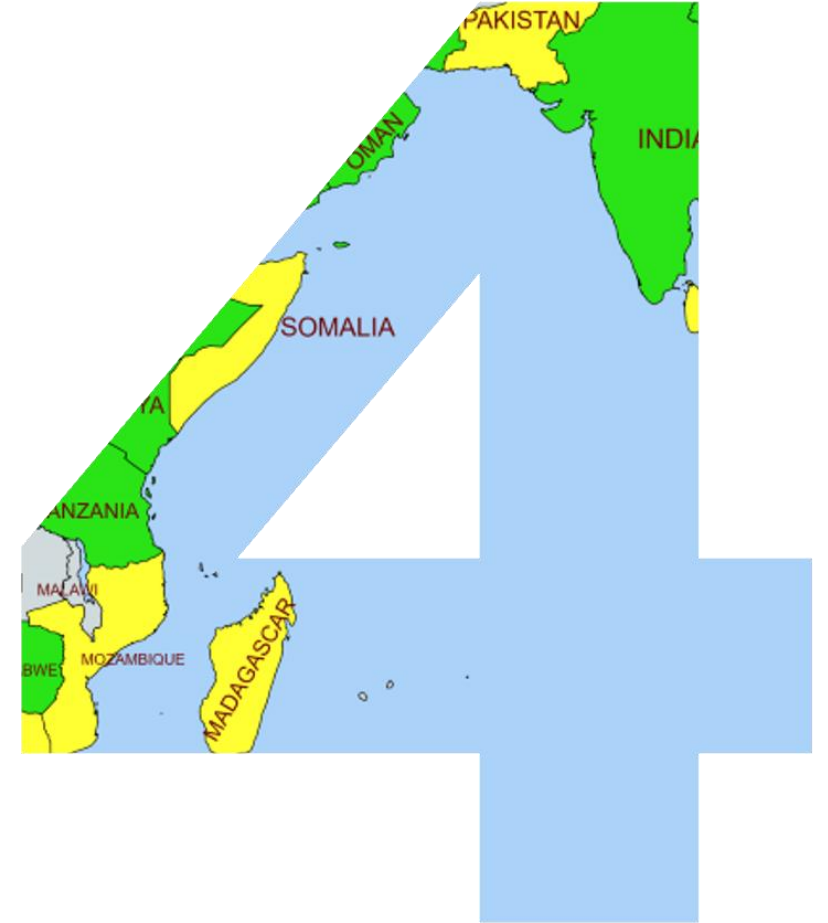
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Without the PKD



With the PKD





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AFI State participants
plus SADC
(Welcome Ethiopia and Angola!)

BUT

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Active

=> Join AND use the
system fully

— The case to participate

The future is digital



New PKD system Launching in March 2026

- More user-friendly
- More comprehensive
- More flexible to accommodate new use cases

ICAO PKD Board meeting 2025 (all participants), with workshop

Steer the future of the PKD and learn with the community

United Kingdom

October 2025



Invitations will be shared with all participants

Interested States could join as observers

Expressions of interest

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Status of API/PNR data implementation

Status	AFI Region
API In Force	8 States
API Authorized, Not In Force	6 States
PNR In Force	4 States
PNR Authorized, Not In Force	6 States



To assist Member States in building their capacities to prevent, detect, investigate and prosecute terrorist offences and other serious crimes, including their related travel, by collecting and analyzing passenger data, both API and PNR, in accordance with Security Council resolutions, ICAO Annex 9 standards and recommended practices, as well as other international law obligations.

Legal

- Legislative assistance to put in place a legal framework that regulates the collection, processing, retention, and protection of data

Operational

- Operational assistance to establish a Passenger Information Unit, including the delivery of training and drafting of standard operating procedures

Transport Industry Engagement

- Facilitating air carrier engagement and connectivity, by building close cooperation with the transport industry

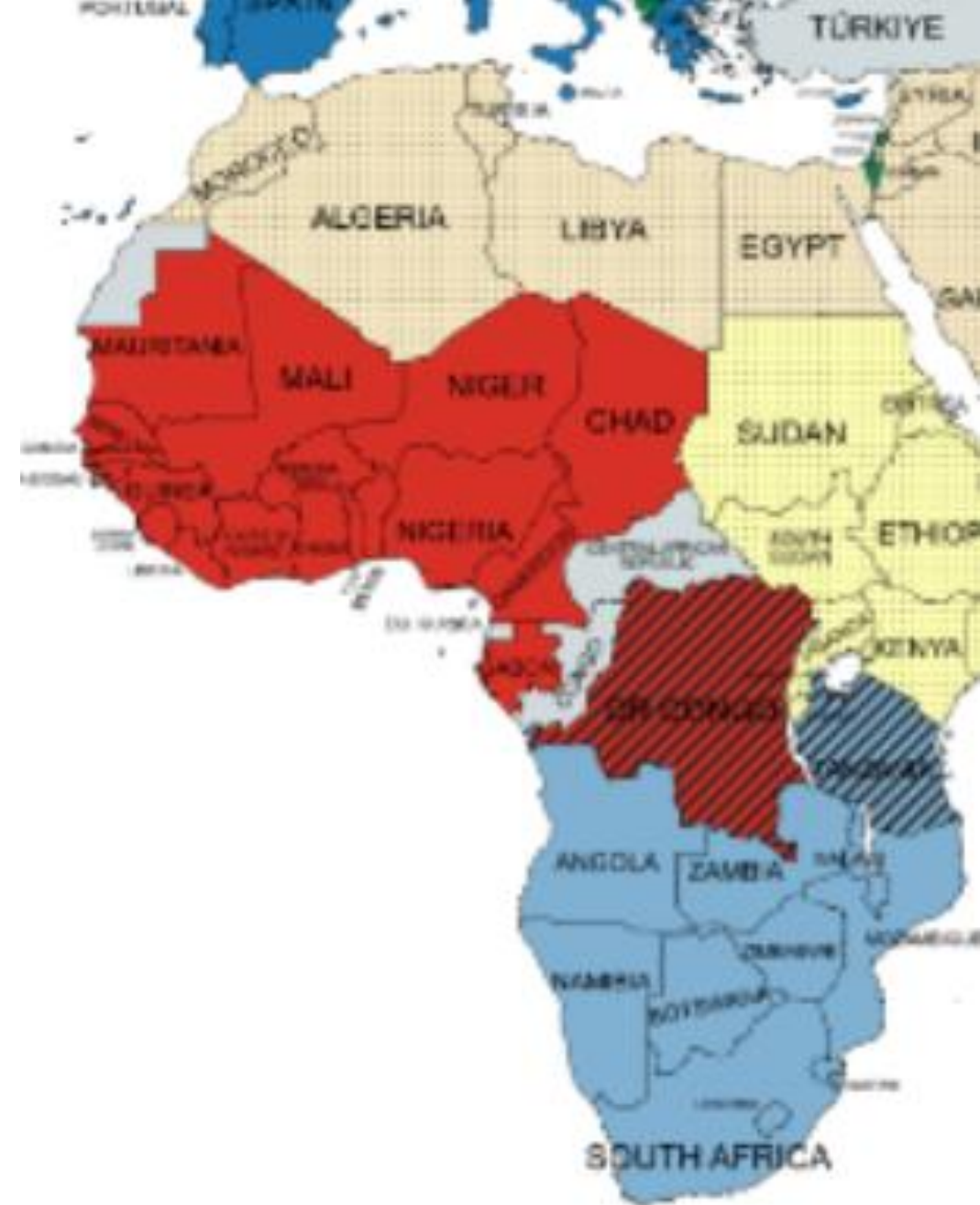
Technical

- Providing technology support to deploy the UN 'goTravel' software to enable the collection, processing and analysis of passenger data



Regional Informal Working Groups

- **To build and share** lessons learnt, best practices and forum for peer-to-peer exchanges to support API/PNR implementation
- **To Foster** cooperation on information sharing between national passenger information units
- **To facilitate and support** regional law enforcement cooperation



Thank You

