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# The Future of a Visa: Universal Doc 9303 Compliance and Beyond

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# Visa

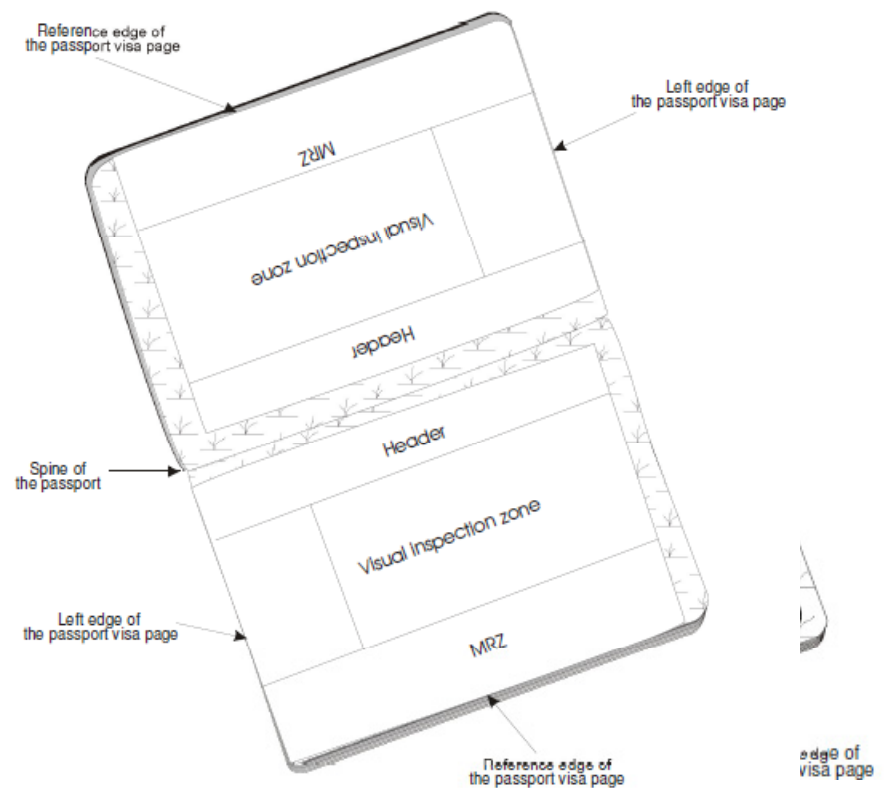
- Translation „Visa“ = „which has been seen“
- is an indication that a person is authorized to enter the territory for which it was issued, subject to permission of an immigration official at the time of actual entry.
- Conditions:
  - Territory covered
  - Validity period
  - Duration of stay
  - Number of entries
  - Fee paid



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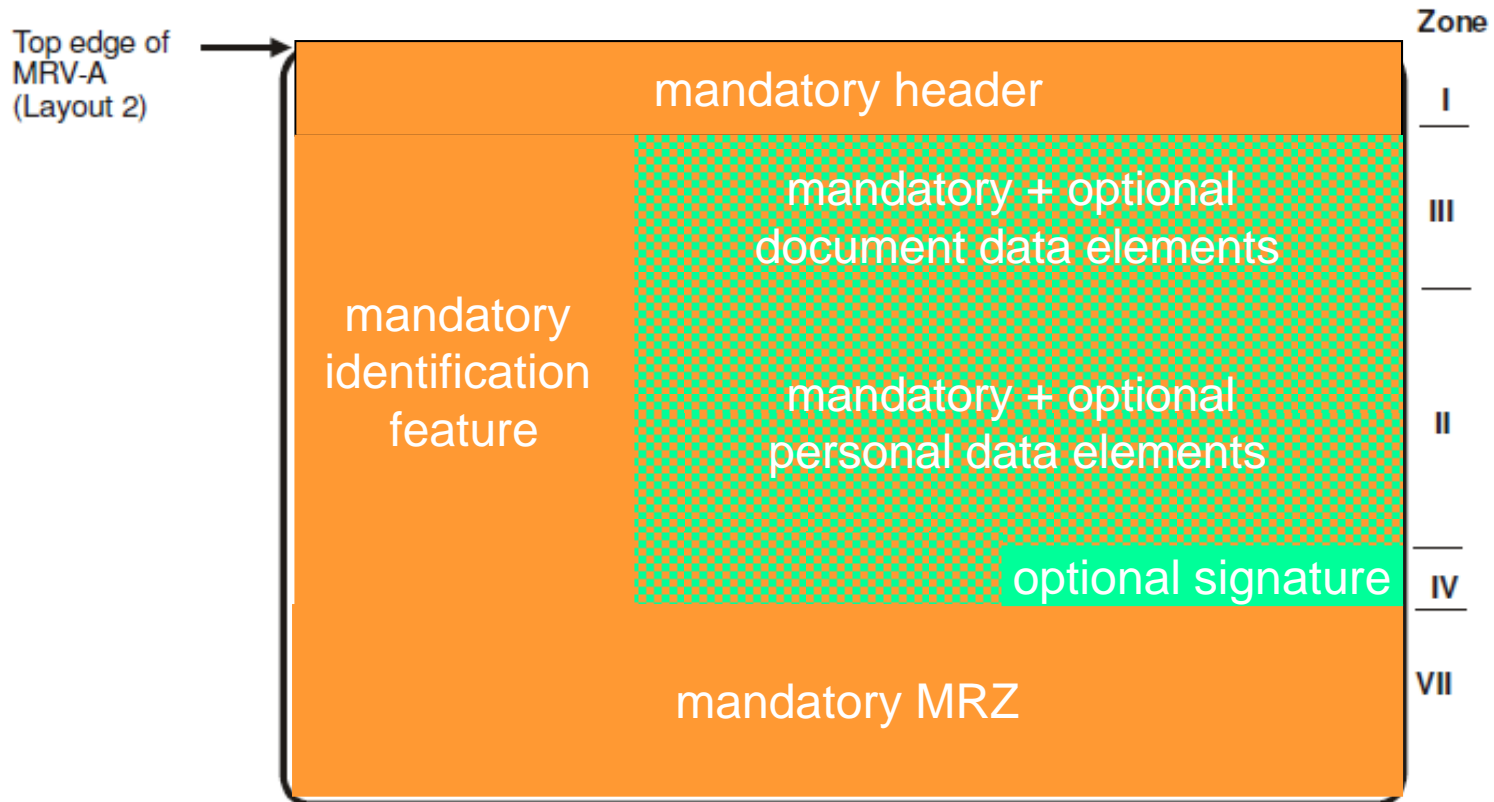
- Interoperability a must?!
  - Yes! Not only the issuing state controls the visa.

- 2 sizes possible:  
MRV-A: 80 x 120mm  
MRV-B: 74 x 105 mm



# Zones

The inclusion of a portrait on a visa is strongly recommended in the interests of security.









# ETA - Electronic Travel Authority

- Australia



- An eVisitor is an electronically stored authority for travel to Australia

- Application online

- No stamp or label,

- AUD 20,-

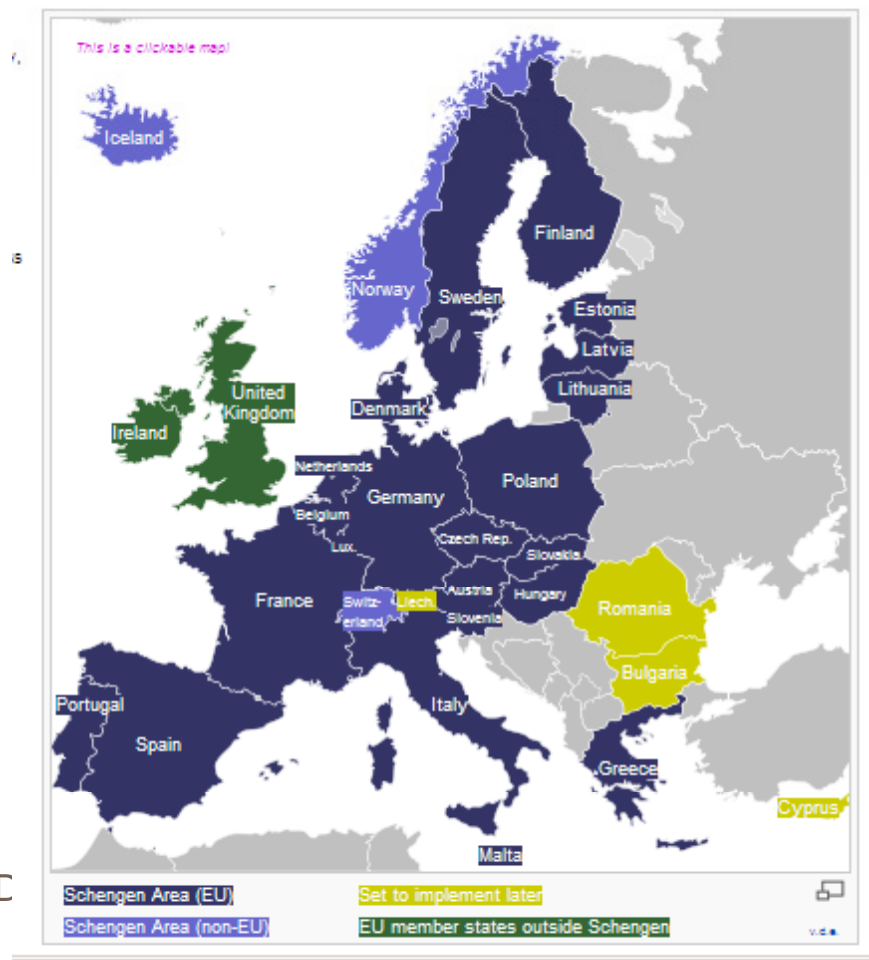
- The eVisitor is linked in the application and the visitor must use the same passport to travel to Australia





# VIS – Visa Information System

- Data base within Schengen Area (part of EU+3 countries)
- 400 mio people
- 4,3 mio km<sup>2</sup>
- Photo + 10 fingerprints
- Start-up phase
- visa labels with improved security still in use



# ESTA – Electronic System for Travel Authorisation

- USA
- For Visa Waiver countries
- Online application before departure for pre-authorisation, not level of a visa
- USD 14,-
- Data checked against terrorism watch lists
- Airlines must check ESTA since 2009



# Trends



- Trend 1:  
Introduction of a secure and machine readable visa label
- Trend 2:  
Storage of the authorisation to travel to a country in a data base and only use a marker as reference (eg passport number)



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Thank you for your attention!

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