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# MRP and eMRP Compliance: State of Play

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# Background

- April 2010 deadline for MRPs

*Facilitation*, Standard 3.10, states should have begun issuing only MRPs in accordance with the specifications of Doc 9303, Part 1, no later than 1 April 2010

- Obtaining official information on compliance status is difficult

- This report by the ICBWG is based on the best information available at this time

# Current Status

Small number of Member States are still issuing hand-written passports

- Afghanistan, Algeria, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Kiribati, Libya, and Mauritania
- Djibouti and DPRK issue MRPs for diplomatic and service only
- Most appear to have plans or projects to introduce MRPs

# Non-MRP

## Afghanistan

Australia providing assistance. Outcome expected in 2011 at the earliest.



# Non-MRP

Algeria

eMRP expected by 2011



# Non-MRP

## Central African Republic

Part of CEMAC (ECCAS) MRP project for Central African States. No expected date available.

# Non-MRP

Djibouti

Keesing shows their diplomatic and service passports to be MRP, but their ordinary passports to be non-MRP.

# Non-MRP

Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea)

Keesing shows diplomatic, service and official passports are MRP, but ordinary passports are non-MRP.



# Non-MRP

## Equatorial Guinea

Part of CEMAC (ECCAS) MRP project for Central African States. No expected date available.

# Non-MRP

Kiribati

Australia Department of Immigration is providing assistance. MRP expected 2012.

# Non-MRP

Libya

eMRP was expected in late 2011 (contract awarded but expected date now unclear due to political situation).

# Non-MRP

Mauritania

eMRP expected in 2011.



# MRP Compliance

ICBWG has identified a small number of states with compliance issues with their MRP

- ❑ Benin, Congo, Guinea-Bissau
- ❑ Iran and Tajikistan are resolved
- ❑ ICBWG undertaking further investigation into Laos, Guinea Conakry, East Timor, Somalia

# MRP Compliance

## ICBWG review of Edison database

- objective – scan for potential non-compliant passport with may have readability issues
- scope – review all Passport images

# MRP Compliance

- ❑ **North Korea** – non-compliant, MRZ – Arial font, spacing
- ❑ **Saudi Arabia** - skew thru MRZ (may be sample only)
- ❑ **Bangladesh** - MRZ shifts position midway thru lines
- ❑ **Sierra Leone** – signature in MRZ, skew in MRZ
- ❑ **Syria** - paper thickness, bar code under shows through in Infrared into MRZ
- ❑ **San Marino** – clipped last chars on MRZ
- ❑ **Indonesia** – space in MRL2, only 43 chars (line spacing?)

# Letters

- The ICBWG, through the ICAO Secretariat, has corresponded with five states drawing attention to compliance issues with their documents and offering assistance
- To date, only Congo has responded to the Secretariat







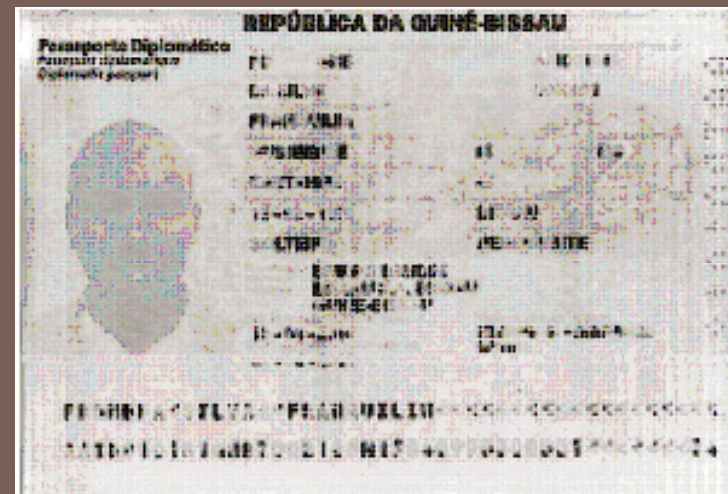






# Guinea Bissau

MRZ not visible in B900 Infrared





# 2015 Deadline

- **Non machine readable passports in circulation after 24 Nov 2015 will no longer be compliant with Annex 9**
- **Anecdotal evidence suggests there may be a large number of Member States affected by this deadline**
- **Misconceptions about the requirement of Annex 9 in relation to ePassports – 24 Nov 2015 does not apply**

# ICBWG reports on Compliance with DOC 9303 and 2015 Deadline (WP9 & 10)

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