

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP ON  
MACHINE READABLE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS  
(TAG/MRTD)**

**Fifteenth Meeting**

(Montreal, 17 to 21 May 2004)

**Agenda Item 4: Education and promotion of MRTDs**

**INFORMATION PAPER**

**STATUS OF THE ISSUANCE OF  
MACHINE READABLE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS**

(Presented by the Secretary)

1. The attached document presents the latest information that ICAO has, with regard to the worldwide issuance of Machine Readable Passports (MRPs) and other Machine Readable Travel Documents.
2. This document is a compilation of data gathered from surveys conducted by the Secretariat in 2001 and, more recently, at the Twelfth Session of the Facilitation Division (Cairo, 22 March to 1 April 2004). Information has also been taken from the Keesings (formerly the Interpol) Identity Checker and its online version, the Keesings Document Checker.

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ATTACHMENT

ISSUANCE OF MACHINE READABLE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS  
LIST OF STATES BY (ICAO) REGIONS

(Updated 12 May 2004)

- Sources of information:**<sup>1</sup>
- (a) Response to ICAO's request for information: March 2004 FAL/12 survey, 2001 State letter ("Latest response"): [indicated by "yes"]
  - (b) Information obtained from the Government through other means (including correspondence and personal contacts with Government officials: [indicated by "yes (G)].
  - (c) Other UN documents: [indicated by "yes (un)"]
  - (d) No response from State to ICAO's survey(s), but information obtained from the "Keesings Identity Checker or (online) Document Checker" (2004 edition): [indicated by "yes (k)"]

No = Not issuing document in question or no readers installed

n/a = Not applicable

blank = No information available

(i) MRP = Machine Readable Passport; (ii) MRV = Machine Readable Visa;

(iii) TD-1/TD-2 = Size 1 and Size 2 Machine Readable Official Travel Documents

(iv) CMC = Crew Member Certificate (g)issuance by the Government, *whether machine-readable or not*(g)

State/Territory/Other	Latest response	MRP	MRV	TD-1/ TD-2	CMC g	Machine Readers	
<i>Total for all ICAO Contracting States</i>		100	30	23	16	8 Full page	31 MRZ only
<i>Total for others</i> <sup>2</sup>		3		1			
						Reader type unknown: 9*	
<b>ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION (35 States)</b>							
<i>Total for the Region</i>		<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>
						<b>nil*</b>	
Australia	2001	yes	yes	no	no	n/a	yes
Bangladesh	no response						
Bhutan	no response						
Brunei Darussalam	2001	yes	no	no	no	yes	n/a
Cambodia	no response						
China	2001	yes (k)	yes	no	no	no	
-----Hong Kong SAR	2004	(yes)	(yes)	no	no	n/a	yes
-----Macau SAR	2004	(yes)	(yes)	no	no	n/a	yes
Cook Islands	no response						
DPR Korea	no response						

State/Territory/Other	Latest response	MRP	MRV	TD-1/ TD-2	CMC g	Machine Readers	
Fiji	no response						
India	2001	yes	no	no	no	n/a	yes
Indonesia	no response	yes (k)					
Japan	2004	yes	yes	yes	no	n/a	yes
Kiribati	no response						
Lao Peoples' Dem. Rep.	no response						
Malaysia	2001	yes	yes	no	no	n/a	yes
Maldives	2001	yes	no	no	no	no	
Marshall Islands	no response						
Micronesia (Federated States of)	no response						
Mongolia	no response						
Myanmar	no response						
Nauru	no response						
Nepal	no response						
New Zealand	2004	yes	yes	no	no	n/a	yes
Palau	no response						
Papua New Guinea	no response						
Philippines	2001	no	no	no	no	n/a	yes
Republic of Korea	2004	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	
Samoa	no response						
Singapore	2001	yes	no	no	no	n/a	yes
Solomon Islands	no response						
Sri Lanka	2001	yes	no	no	no	no	
Thailand	2001	yes	yes	no	no	n/a	yes
Tonga	2001	yes	no	no	no	no	
Vanuatu	no response						
Viet Nam	2001	yes	yes	yes	no	n/a	yes
<b>MIDDLE EAST REGION (19 States)</b>							
<b>Total for the Region</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>2*</b>							
Afghanistan	no response						
Bahrain	2004	yes	no	no	no	yes*	
Cyprus	no response	yes (k)					
Egypt	no response						

State/Territory/Other	Latest response	MRP	MRV	TD-1/ TD-2	CMC g	Machine Readers	
Iran, Islamic Rep.	2004	no	no	no	no	no	
Iraq	no response						
Israel	no response	yes (k)					
Jordan	2001	yes	no	no	no	no	
Kuwait	2004	yes	no	yes	yes	no	
Lebanon	2004	yes	no	yes	yes	yes*	
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	no response						
Oman	2001	yes	no	no	no	n/a	yes
Pakistan	no response						
Qatar	no response	yes (un) <sup>3</sup>					
Saudi Arabia	2001	yes	yes	no	no	n/a	yes
Sudan	no response						
Syrian Arab Rep.	no response						
United Arab Emirates	no response						
Yemen	no response						
<b>WESTERN AND CENTRAL AFRICAN REGION (24 States)</b>							
<b>Total for the Region</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>nil</b>
						<b>nil*</b>	
Benin	no response						
Burkina Faso	no response	yes (k)					
Cameroon	2004	no	no	no	no	no	
Cape Verde	no response						
Central African Republic	no response						
Chad	no response						
Congo	no response						
Côte d'Ivoire	no response						
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2004	no	no	no	yes	no	
Equatorial Guinea	no response						
Gabon	2004	no	no	no	yes	no	
Gambia	no response	yes (k)					
Ghana	no response						
Guinea	no response						
Guinea-Bissau	no response						
Liberia	no response						
Mali	no response	yes (k)					

State/Territory/Other	Latest response	MRP	MRV	TD-1/ TD-2	CMC g	Machine Readers	
Mauritania	no response						
Niger	no response						
Nigeria	no response	yes (k)					
Sao Tome & Principe	no response						
Senegal	no response	yes (G)					
Sierra Leone	no response	yes (k)					
Togo	no response	yes (k)					
<b>EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICAN REGION (23 States)</b>							
<b>Total for the Region</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>2</b>
						<b>2*</b>	
Angola	no response	yes (k)					
Botswana	2001	no	no	no	no	no	
Burundi	no response						
Comoros	no response						
Djibouti	no response						
Eritrea	no response						
Ethiopia	2001	no	no	no	no	no	
Kenya	no response	yes (G)					
Lesotho	2001	yes	no	no	no	no	
Madagascar	2001	yes	no	no	no	no	
Malawi	no response						
Mauritius	2004	yes	no	no	no	n/a	yes
Mozambique	no response						
Namibia	2004	yes	no	yes	no	yes*	
Rwanda	no response						
Seychelles	2001	yes	no	no	no	no	
Somalia	no response						
South Africa	2004	yes	no	no	yes	n/a	yes
Swaziland	no response						
Uganda	2004	yes	no	no	yes	no ( in 2004-05)	
United Rep. of Tanzania	2004	no (very soon)	no	no	no	yes*	
Zambia	2004	yes	no	no	no	no	
Zimbabwe	no response	yes (k)					

State/Territory/Other	Latest response	MRP	MRV	TD-1/ TD-2	CMC g	Machine Readers	
<b>SOUTH AMERICAN REGION (13 States)</b>							
<b>Total for the Region</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>nil</b>
		<b>nil*</b>					
Argentina	2001	yes	no	no	no	yes	n/a
Bolivia	no response						
Brazil	2004	no	no	no	no	no	
Chile	2001	yes	no	no	no	no	
Colombia	2001	no	no	no	no	no	
Ecuador	no response						
Guyana	no response						
Panama	no response	yes (k)					
Paraguay	2001	yes	no	yes	no	no	
Peru	no response	yes (k)					
Suriname	no response						
Uruguay	2004	no	no	no	yes	no	
Venezuela	2004	no	no	no	no	no	
<b>NORTH AMERICAN, CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN REGION (21 States)</b>							
<b>Total for the Region</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
		<b>nil*</b>					
Antigua & Barbuda	no response						
Bahamas	no response						
Barbados	no response						
Belize	no response						
Canada	2004	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	n/a
Costa Rica	2001	yes	no	no	no	no	
Cuba	2001	yes	no	no	yes	n/a	yes
Dominican Rep.	no response						
El Salvador	no response						
Grenada	no response	yes (k)					
Guatemala	no response	yes (k)					
Haïti	no response	yes (k)					
Honduras	no response						
Jamaica	no response	yes (k)					
Mexico	2001	yes	no	no	no	no	

State/Territory/Other	Latest response	MRP	MRV	TD-1/ TD-2	CMC g	Machine Readers	
Nicaragua	no response						
Saint Kitts and Nevis	no response						
Saint Lucia	no response						
St. Vincent & the Grenadines	no response						
Trinidad & Tobago	no response						
United States	2004	yes	yes	yes	no	n/a	yes
<b>EUROPEAN AND NORTH ATLANTIC REGION (53 States)</b>							
<b>Total for ICAO States in the Region</b>		<b>44</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Total for other States</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>5*</b>	
Albania	no response	yes (k)					
Algeria	no response						
Andorra	no response						
Armenia	2004	yes	yes	no	no	yes*	
Austria	2004	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes*	
Azerbaijan	no response	yes (k)					
Belarus	no response	yes (k)					
Belgium	2001	yes	no	no	no	no	
Bosnia & Herzegovina	no response	yes (k)					
Bulgaria	2001	yes	no	no	no	n/a	yes
Croatia	no response	yes (k)					
Czech Republic	2004	yes	yes	yes	no	n/a	yes
Denmark	2001	yes	yes	no	no	n/a	yes
Estonia	2001	yes	no	yes (k)	no	no	
Finland	2004	yes	yes	yes	yes	n/a	yes
France	2004	yes	yes	yes	no	yes*	
Georgia	no response	yes (k)					
Germany	2001	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	n/a
Greece	2004	yes	yes	yes	yes	n/a	yes
Hungary	2001	yes	no	yes	no	n/a	yes
Iceland	2004	yes	no	no	no	n/a	yes
Ireland	2001	yes	no	no	no	no	
Italy	no response	yes (g)					
Kazakhstan	no response						
Kyrgyzstan	no response						

State/Territory/Other	Latest response	MRP	MRV	TD-1/ TD-2	CMC g	Machine Readers	
Latvia	2001	yes	yes	no	no	n/a	yes
[Liechtenstein]	n/a	yes (k)		yes (k)			
Lithuania	2004	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	n/a
Luxembourg	2001	yes	yes	no	no	no	
Malta	2001	yes	no	no	no	n/a	yes
Monaco	2001	yes	no	no	no	no	
Morocco	no response						
Netherlands	2001	yes	yes	yes	no	n/a	yes
Norway	2004	yes	no	no	yes	yes*	
Poland	no response	yes (k)					
Portugal	2004	yes	yes	no	no	yes	n/a
Rep. of Moldova	2001	yes	no	yes	no	no	
Romania	2001	yes	no	no	no	n/a	yes
Russian Federation	2001	yes	yes	no	no	yes	n/a
San Marino	no response	yes (k)					
Serbia and Montenegro	no response						
Slovakia	no response	yes (k)					
Slovenia	2001	yes	yes	yes	no	no	
Spain	2001	yes	yes	yes	no	no	
Sweden	2004	yes	yes	no (In 2005)	no	yes	n/a
Switzerland	2004	yes	yes	yes	yes	n/a	yes
Tajikistan	no response						
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	2001	yes	no	no	no	n/a	yes
Tunisia	2001	no	no	no	no	no	
Turkey	2004	no (in 2006)	no (in 2006)	no	yes	yes*	
Turkmenistan	no response	yes (k)					
Ukraine	no response	yes (k)					
United Kingdom	2004	yes	yes	no	no	n/a	yes
Uzbekistan	2004	yes	no	no	yes	no	
<b>Other</b>							
United Nations Laissez-Passer	n/a	yes	n/a				
UNMIK Travel Document	n/a	yes (k)	(UNMIK= United Nations Mission in Kosovo)				



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**NOTES**

1. Information received from **unofficial sources** (including the Internet and newspaper reports) indicates that the following

**26 States:** Andorra, Bahamas, Bolivia, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Cook Islands, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Kazakstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malawi, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Serbia and Montenegro, Sudan, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, and United Arab Emirates;

**5 Territories:** Bermuda (UK), Cayman Islands (UK), Jersey (UK), Man (Isle of) (UK) and Puerto Rico (USA); and

**1 Authority:** the Palestinian Authority

are also possibly issuing **Machine Readable Passports**.

2. **Liechtenstein** (not an ICAO Contracting State), **UN** and **UNMIK**.

3. **Qatar:** See ECOSOC Doc. E/CN.15/2002/11, 19 February 2002: Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, 11th Session. Web site: [www.undcp.org/pdf/crime/commission/11comm/11e.pdf](http://www.undcp.org/pdf/crime/commission/11comm/11e.pdf), Statement of Qatar that a machine-readable passport was issued in 1999.