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25 March 1949

First SARPs on FAL in Annex 9 – Facilitation

- 29 Amendment packages since
- 16 Full Editions later
- > 400 SARPs that form the basis of modern-day customs, immigration quarantine and clearance procedures, promote regularity and efficiency of air transport and serve to facilitate and expedite movements of aircraft, crews, passengers and cargo

2024: The Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of Annex 9 — Facilitation and the Year of Facilitation

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Recognizing the

75th Anniversary of Annex 9 — Facilitation

ICAO's Council has designated 2024 as the

Year of Facilitation (YOF)

based on the theme

Past. Present. Future: 75 Years of Enabling Air Travel

Objectives of FAL2024

- Milestone Recognition: Commemorate the 75th anniversary of Annex 9 and highlight its contributions to global aviation.
- Awareness Creation: Promote the importance of facilitation in air transport.
- Strengthening of Global Collaboration: Forge stronger ties amongst stakeholders in support of facilitation measures and priorities.
- Enhancement of Capacity Building: Launch training and assistance initiatives focused on enhancing compliance with Annex 9 standards across all world regions.

An opportunity to:

- a. Demonstrate your good work and cooperation nationally and internationally
- b. Build productive partnerships with other stakeholders nationally
- c. Build your international connectivity
- d. Build capacities for future business development

Proposed Initiatives for FAL2024

1. Awareness and Advocacy

A concerted global campaign across all forms of media & with all stakeholders

2. Education and Training

Enhancing capacities of all stakeholders for sustainable future facilitation work

3. Infrastructure and Technology

Promoting investment in facilities and technologies to enhance facilitation on the long-term

4. Partnership and Collaborations

Fostering national, regional and international cooperative structures and relationships

5. Cultural Events, Awards, Public Engagement

Promoting a culture of appreciation and awareness of facilitation and its importance

6. Economic impact studies

Producing and sharing evidence of the economic benefits of facilitation



FAL2024: Practical Actions

Practical actions that stakeholders could take include:

- Publication of articles, infographics, videos, and social media content explaining the importance of facilitation in air transport.
- Promotion of United Nations (UN) days relevant to facilitation, such as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities and World Day Against Trafficking in Persons
- Development and/or offering of online and in-class courses on the role and importance of facilitation or on facilitation-related topics for airline staff
- Promotion of biometric technology for seamless travel.
- Demonstrations of new facilitation technologies, such as digital credentials and government travel portals.
- Collaboration/promotion with ICAO, the UNWTO (UN World Tourism Organisation) and global tourism boards.
- Collaboration / campaigns with disability advocates / influencers to promote accessible travel.
- Sponsorship of aviation-themed art installations in major airports
- Creation and submission of videos to ICAO to celebrate facilitation
- Publication of case studies showcasing the return on investment from facilitation initiatives

Secretariat resources support

The ICAO FAL2024 website is live

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75th Anniversary of Annex 9

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Videos

Flyers

Posters

Other priorities

Photo & Video Contest

ICAO Promotional Material

Flyers

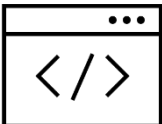
Posters

Videos

Benefits of Air Transport Facilitation

- **Operational Efficiency:** Facilitation streamlines operations, minimizing disruptions and enabling airlines to maintain punctual schedules.
- **Economic Prosperity:** Enhanced air transport facilitation catalyzes trade and tourism, propelling economies and generating employment opportunities.
- **Robust Border Security:** A standardized air transport facilitation approach offers rigorous, unified border security protocols, ensuring the safety of passengers, crew, and assets.
- **Elevated Passenger Experience:** Air transport facilitation ensures expedited processes and enhances passenger experience.
- **Capacity Enhancement:** By focusing on building both human and infrastructural capacity, air transport facilitation ensures the aviation industry's scalability and responsiveness to future challenges.

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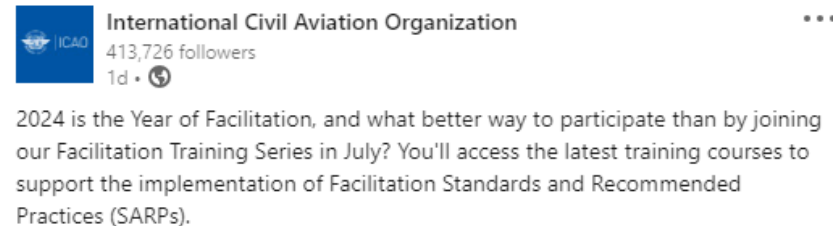
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Media publishing

- Articles on Annex 9, TRIP and PKD published on Uniting Aviation
- Regular newsletter

Social media outreach

- From ICAO
- From ICAO AVSECFAL
- Reposting encouraged



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Flyers are available online and will be printed for dissemination at events and through interactions at HQ and Regional Offices

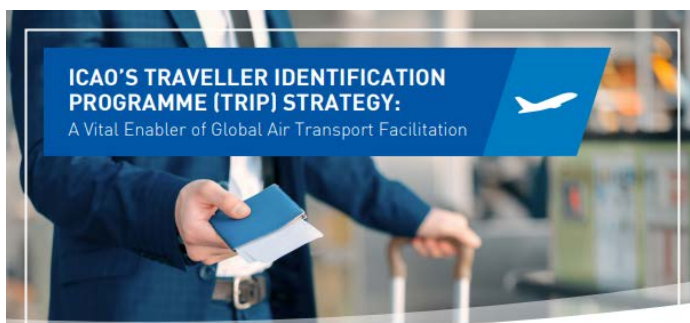


Air Transport Facilitation

In the context of international civil aviation, **Facilitation** refers to measures to prevent unnecessary delays to aircraft, crews, passengers and cargo, especially, in the administration of the laws relating to immigration, quarantine, customs and clearance. The words "Facilitation of formalities" appears as a subtitle for Article 22 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago Convention).

In September 1949, pursuant to Article 27 of the Chicago Convention, ICAO published the First Edition of Annex 9 – Facilitation that contained 89 Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs). Over the years, many new and revised SARPs have been introduced through a series of amendments to the Annex that now contains more than 440 SARPs. These new and revised SARPs seek to address the evolving landscape of air transport, the contemporary needs of States, advances in technology, development of passenger and cargo traffic, and the

value of contributing to the continuing development of international civil aviation. Air transport facilitation can be linked to 9 of the 15 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set forth by the United Nations (UN). Therefore, the work that ICAO undertakes to facilitate air travel is crucial to the world's economic and social development. Air transport Facilitation holds great importance for international civil aviation and will continue to in the years to come.



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This article explains the role of the ICAO Traveller Identification Programme (TRIP) Strategy.

an important aspect of international border security is ensuring that a traveller presenting a passport and/or visa is the person to whom the document was legitimately issued. The traveller must also present reliable and verifiable information that uniquely identifies a traveller and can be used for identification. Efficient processing – a fundamental element of air transport facilitation – furthermore ensures that the data can be read, understood, verified and used in a timely manner.

ICAO has played a major role in establishing the best practices for the issuance of international travel documents. Standardization of document formats and contents has facilitated enhanced national security

by enabling nations to determine more quickly and accurately the validity of travel documents. Over the years, ICAO has issued specifications and guidance for the layout of the passport data page, size and shape of travel documents, and inclusion of security features, as well as for other aspects of travel document production and issuance.

Based on ICAO specifications, an issuing officer or border inspector can visually and electronically determine whether a document contains any of the security features (thereby reducing counterfeit or whether it might have been tampered with / photo substitution) when using those security features designed to be tamper-evident.

The ICAO Traveller Identification Programme Strategy was launched by ICAO in 2013 through a comprehensive international approach



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The efficient and secure completion of border, immigration, customs and boarding procedures in international aviation – a fundamental objective of air transport facilitation – relies heavily on rapid and effective evaluation of travel documents. Those involved in managing the movement of travellers and crew through facilities need to check documents and ensure their authenticity, confirm the holder, and assure compliance with rules in a rapid and effective manner. Any delays in this process can hinder efficiency, have knock-on effects on timeliness and connectivity and reduce the economic benefits and sustainability of aviation.

Electronic and digital documents are an important foundation of modern-day facilitation. The data from

documents including electronic passports (ePassports) and electronic identity cards (eIDs) can be read accurately and quickly through contactless machine reading. By obtaining reliable data quickly and easily, processes can advance in a more efficient way than in the case of manual data provision, which is known to be error-prone. The new ICAO Digital Travel Credential (DTC) seeks to enhance facilitation even further by allowing for the provision of electronic passport data to be securely and safely shared with verifiers in advance of travel. With more checks being completed away from the border crossing point, facilitation can be greatly improved.

The data read from these documents is digitally signed at the time of issuance. Verification of the digital signature confirms the authenticity of the document and the integrity of the data read (i.e. that the data has not been altered or tampered with after document





FAL2024

- A year of diligence, proactivity and innovation in Facilitation.
- Multiple stakeholders engaging in individual and multi-party activities to commemorate, raise awareness, improve collaboration and enhance capacity building.

A graphic featuring several colorful speech bubbles in shades of blue, orange, pink, and green. The central orange bubble contains the text "CONNECT with us!".

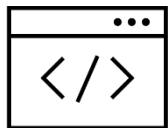
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