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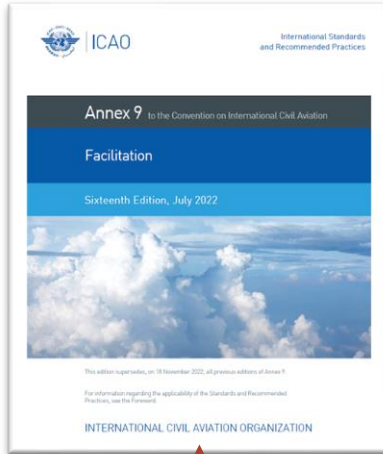
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Advancing the TRIP Strategy



Annex 9 and Doc 9303



ANNEX 9

Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) related to facilitating and expediting travel



DOC 9303

Technical Specifications for travel documents and other credentials used during travel (passport, visa, etc.)

Standard 3.11, Annex 9, Sixteenth Edition

All passports issued by Contracting States shall be machine readable in accordance with the specifications of Doc 9303, Part 4.

Clause 2.1 (Construction), Doc 9303, Part 4, Eight Edition

The MRP shall take the form of a book consisting of a cover and a minimum of eight pages and shall include a data page...

NTWG's Role in Maintaining TRIP-Related SARPs in Annex 9



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TRIP-NTWG

NTWG

Develops **strategy, policy, and technical specifications** in relation to the manufacture, security, issuance and verification of **globally interoperable machine readable travel documents**, including:

- ↪ updating existing technical specifications as needed
- ↪ Introducing new technological solutions

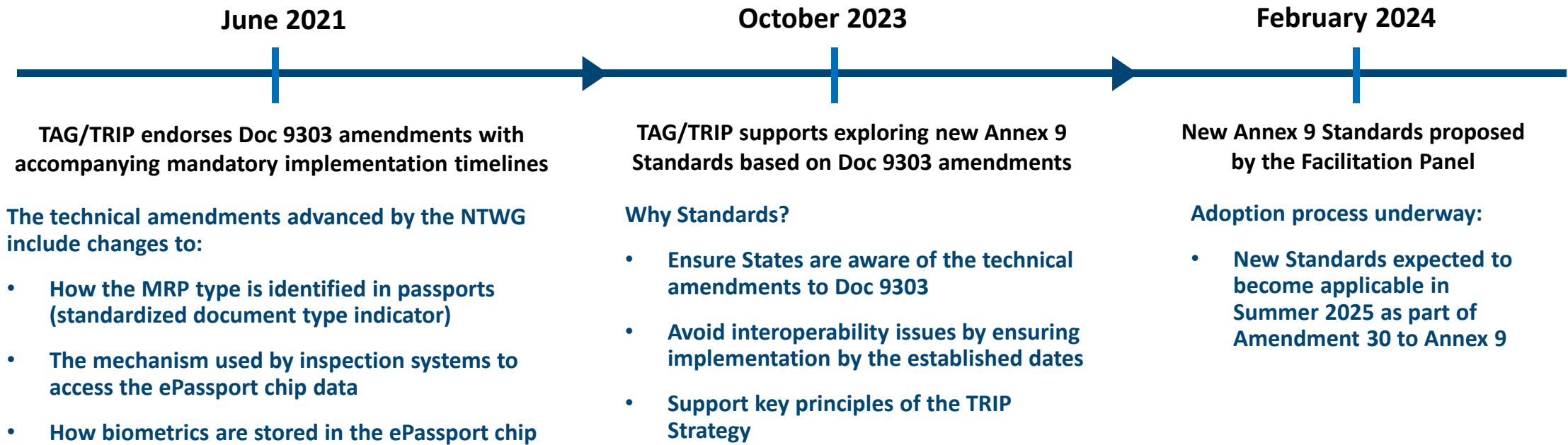
SARPs maintenance linked to Doc 9303

Introduction of new content/changes to existing technical specifications may require supporting Annex 9 SARPS to ensure global interoperability and security

Direct input into Annex 9 maintenance

NTWG technical experts directly feed into and inform the maintenance of Annex 9 SARPs, and definitions also reflected in Doc 9303

SARPs Maintenance linked to Doc 9303





Example of new Annex 9 Standard stemming from Doc 9303 technical specifications

All passports issued by Contracting States shall be issued with a secondary document type indicator in accordance with the specifications of Doc 9303 no later than 1 January 2028.

Direct Input into Annex 9 Maintenance

ICBWG Exploratory Assessment of Annex 9

-  Reviewing all Annex 9 travel document references (SARPs and definitions) to ensure they are clear and remain relevant to the operating environment
-  Exploring new SARPs addressing interoperability issues and/or supporting greater facilitation and security

Undertaken in close collaboration with the NTWG

Technical, passport and border experts are informing proposed changes to Annex 9

First round of proposals presented to the Facilitation Panel in February 2024

Endorsed changes to the MRTD and eMRTD definitions will be reflected in the 9th edition of Doc 9303

Second round of proposals under development

Exploring new definitions (companion documents) and SARPs (passport validity)

Spotlight: Exploring New Passport Validity SARPs

The Annex 9 Exploratory Assessment is investigating whether new SARPs related to passport validity would be beneficial, specifically:

- Is a new Standard limiting passport validity to no more than 10 years needed?
- Is a new Recommend Practice outlining the ideal passport validity period – based on the longevity of the physical book, physical/digital security features, the chip and the facial biometric – needed?



We are seeking views via an online questionnaire!

The questionnaire seeks to identify the benefits, challenges and overall implications related to introducing new passport validity SARPs. **Your feedback will inform the ICBWG's final recommendation, to be presented to the TAG/TRIP in November 2025.**

<https://survey.sogolytics.com/r/dQhQgo>



Thank You

