



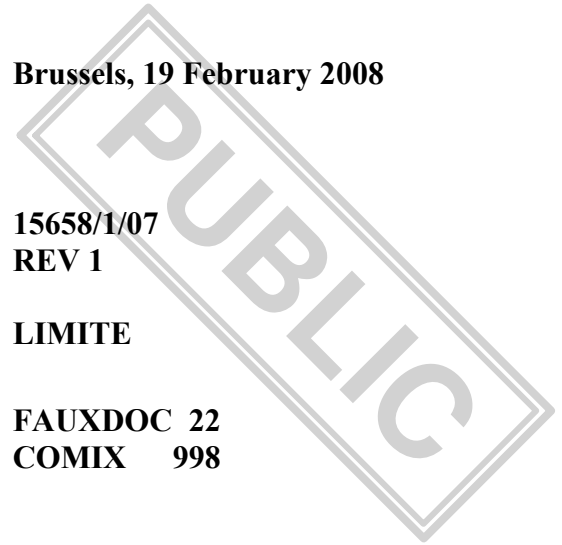
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NOTE

From: German delegation
To: Working Party on Frontiers/False documents / Mixed Committee
(EU-Iceland/Norway/Switzerland)
Subject: **Exchange of information about data files on the issuing of passports and identity documents (passport / identity document registration systems)**

Annexed to document 11097/07 FAUXDOC 11 COMIX 600 was a questionnaire concerning the exchange of information about data files on the issuing of passports and identity documents (passport / identity document registration systems).

The questionnaire was answered by 28 countries. No answers were received yet from Malta and Norway.

The purpose of this compilation is to give an overview of the available possibilities for obtaining information with regard to the passport/identity card registration systems according to the replies given by Member States.

Short summary of the replies:

1. Is the personal data of passport/identity card holders kept in a central data file (national register) or in a decentralised file?

Most of the answering Member States and Schengen associated countries use a centralized data register. Exceptions are decentralised systems in Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Romania.

2. Which data is stored in the registration system?

- All answering Member States and Schengen associated countries store the personal data and – with the exception of Belgium, Denmark and France - photos of the holders in the system.

- Most of the answering Member States and Schengen associated countries are not yet storing fingerprints in the system.

Exceptions: Portugal and Sweden, Spain the fingerprint of the right hand. Iceland (no timeframe), Estonia, Lithuania and Poland (from June 2009) are planning to store fingerprints. UK anticipates the storage of fingerprints from 2009/2010.

Many Member States and Schengen associated countries store additional data in the system like signature, passport number, issuing authority, issuing date and validity, registered children, information on parents or spouses, previous issued documents, information on the revocation, refusal or deposit of a passport, information on residence, or links to various certificates (birth certificates, marriage certificates etc.).

3. Does the NATIONAL CONTACT POINT (NCP) for Information on TRAVEL and IDENTITY DOCUMENTS have access to the registration system?

With exceptions of Cyprus, France, Germany, Ireland and the Netherlands all answering Member States and Schengen associated countries have direct access to the registration system.

4. Can the NATIONAL CONTACT POINT (NCP) provide information from the registration system? (If not, which other national office?)

With the exception of Cyprus, Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania and Romania all NCP are able to provide information direct from the registration system. Nevertheless, the requests can be passed to the NCP for referring to the appropriate authority. The conditions vary from no restrictions to the necessity of a formal request to the issuing authority.

The possible timeframe varies between few minutes to a few hours during the working days from Monday to Friday, up to two weeks.

Details are listed in the following chart.

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AT AUT	Central.	Yes.	Yes.	No.	- signature - passport number - issuing authority - issuing date and validity - registered children	3. Yes. 3.1. Yes.	3.2. No.	4. Yes. 4.1. No.	4.2. Monday to Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
BE BEL	Central.	Yes.	Not for the moment but the decision is taken to add the photo of each person registered in our national register. We have also developed a database with the demanders of passports. This database will contain the photo of the person.	No.	Our national register contains data's such as the composition of the family, the occupation, addresses...	3. Yes. 3.1. Yes.	The police have only access to a part of the data's stored in our national register. For more information we have to contact the commune where the person lives.	4. Yes (see 3.2). 4.1. No, but we have to follow the law on privacy.	On the spot if the asked information are stored in the system. One hour to one day if we have to contact the city house.

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BG B G R	Central.	Yes.	Yes.	No.		3. Yes. 3.1. Yes.	Yes.	4. Yes, but only in the cases provided for the Law for Bulgarian Identification Documents. 4.1. Yes. The Law for Bulgarian Identification Documents.	14 days.
CH C H E	Central, national register.	2.1. Yes.	Yes.	Not applicable yet.	Administrative date, such as: - date of issue - expiry date - issuing authority - Information on the revocation, refusal or deposit of passport.	3. Yes. 3.1. Yes.	No.	4. In principal yes. However the legal situation for providing information must always be assessed on a case by case bases. For identity verification the passport number must be provided. 4.1. As a first step a request via e-mail is sufficient. For identity verification the number of the passport in question must be communicated. If further formalities must be respected, instructions will be given.	Depends on the case and the legal possibility to exchange data.

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CY C Y P	Central.	Yes.	Yes.	No.	Nationality Replacements of Identity Documents Links to various Certificates (birth certificates, marriage certificates etc) Subsequent changes regarding Personal Data: - Name - Surname - Address - Occupation - Marital status - Children etc	3. No. Although the National Contact Point has no direct access to the Registration System, certain personal Data (with the exception of photo) is downloaded from the Registration System to the "Police Computerized System", for use by the Police including the NCP.	Yes As stated above (Para 3), the NCP has access to the "Police Computerized System" where certain personal Data (with the exception of photo) is downloaded from the Registration System.	4. Certain Personal Data can be <u>verified</u> , from the Police Computerised System, to the requesting country, with the <u>exception of photograph</u> . However, the NCP can contact the Ministry of Interior (responsible for the Registration System) and verify any other information not kept in the Police Computerised System. 4.1. Any requests for information can be passed to the NCP.	Within 3 working hours for information stored in the Police Computerised System. Within one working day for all other information.

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CZ C Z E	Both central and decentralised registers are available.	Yes.	Yes.	No.	Yes – for national use.	3. Yes. 3.1. Yes.	By mail – in case of passport/identity card issued decentral way (before introduction of a centralised personalisation in the year 2000 / 2001).	4. Yes, security of personal data has to be guaranteed. 4.1. No.	Replay at the day of receiving request (central register); in three or five days (de-central register).
DK D N K	Central.	Yes.	No.	No.	The authority which has issued the passport.	3. Yes. 3.1. Yes.	No.	4. Yes. 4.1. No.	The information can be provided within hours.

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DE D	Decentralised.	Yes.	Yes.	No.	Information on residence.	No.	Yes, via third parties (regional registration offices or the police).	No, but requesting administration has to give information on the reason for the inquiry for proving the legal aspects.	During the official working times from Monday to Friday, 08:00 – 16:00 hours, within 2 hours.
EE E S T	Central.	Yes.	Yes.	Fingerprints from June 2009.	Previous issued documents.	3. Partly, only documents issued from year 2002. 3.1. Yes.	Information about the documents issued before 2002 by encrypted e-mail.	4. No, information from registration system can be provided by Estonian Citizen and Migration Board. 4.1. Yes, only inquiries for official purposes.	Online inquiry from Monday to Friday.
EL G R C	Central.	Yes.	Yes.	No.	--	Yes.	No.	Yes, only authorised persons.	It varies from few minutes to few hours.

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ES ESP	The personal data of passport / identity is kept in a central national register.	2. .Yes.	Yes.	Yes, fingerprint of the right hand.	document number, date of issue and date of validity, place and date of birth, father and mother name, home address,	Yes, online.		Yes. The form rules must be the official way.	By email, immediately, by official post, the time required.
FI FIN	Central register.	Yes.	Yes.	FP's not yet in use, legislation underway.	Travel document issuance history, electronic client identifier in a separate database.	3. Yes. 3.1. Yes.	Yes.	4. Yes. 4.1. Yes, as decreed in the law.	Depends on the urgency and scale of the request.
FR FRA	Central file (Fichier central)	Yes.	No.	No.	S.O	3. No. 3.1 No.	Yes, via the Head of the 1st Bureau of DLPAJ (Oui, par le Chef du 1er bureau de la DLPAJ)	4. Not directly, but it is possible thanks to the diligences of the DLPAJ (Pas directement, mais cela est possible grâce aux diligences de la DLPAJ) 4.1 Yes: The demand must be motivated and transmitted by fax.	Yes: The demand must be motivated and transmitted by fax.

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HU H U N	Central	Yes.	Yes.	No.	Signature	3. Yes 3.1 Yes	No.	4. No. (International Law Enforcement Cooperation Center); Tel.: +36-1-443-5557,+36-1-443-5584; Fax: +36-1-443-5815; nebek@nebek.police.hu ; intercom@nebek.police.hu 4.1 No.	It depends on the information. (1 hour – 1 day)
IE I R L	Central database	Yes.	Yes.	No.	Details of previous passports and status, i.e. cancelled, expired, lost, stolen etc. Mothers maiden name and in some cases PRSI number. Photographs, details of witnesses and for minors we hold copies parents consent. All supporting documentation is scanned and held on the sys-	No.	Arrangements are in place for contact point to request information from specific officers within the Passport office during working hours. This can be sent by e-mail or secure fax depending	4. Yes, any information provided to the national contact point may be provided to EWU colleagues in support of an investigation. 4.1 The passport office has its established protocols with the national contact point.	Depending on the type of query and the age of the passport, information can be provided with hours. Queries on older documents might take up to two days if older paper files have to be located.

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IS I S L	Centralised.	2. See 2.1-2.4. 2.1. All the personal data contained in passport.	Yes.	Planned	Validity changes. Details of enrolment and production.	3. Yes. 3.1. Yes (limited).	No.	4. Yes (limited). 4.1. No (being developed).	Technically, seconds.
IT I I A	Decentralised.	Yes.	Yes.	No.		3. Yes. 3.1. No.	Yes.	4. Yes. 4.1. Yes, formal direct request to the issuing office.	Days - it widely depends by interested office.
LT L T U	Central.	2. Name, surname, doc. Nr., personal Nr., date of issue, date of validity, issuing authority, date of birth, sex, place of birth, nationality,	Yes.	Yes (from 2009-06-28).	Information on parents, kids or spouses personal Nr.	3. Yes (without images, fingerprints, status (married, divorced), signature). 3.1. Yes.	No.	4. Information with images is available through national contacts points or directly to migration units or resident's register service. (for better communication we suggest to use contacts points). 4.1. Yes, an applicant wishing to receive information from the Agency submits a request stating which information or	(time in hours / days) Up to 12 hours.

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LU	Central	Yes.	Yes	No.	No.	3. Yes (MFA)	No.	No.	. / .

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L U X						3.1 Yes.			
LV L V A	Central.	Yes.	Yes.	No.	Signatures.	3. Yes. 3.1. Yes.	No.	4. Yes. 4.1. No.	1) False documents – Border Guard Republic of Latvia – twenty-four hours; 2) Authentic documents – Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Latvia Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs – from 8:00 till 16:00 on week-days.
NL N L D	decentralised	Yes.	Yes.	Not yet.	Document data	No.	Contact Municipality	4. Only in special cases with juridical consent 4.1 Yes, see above	Depends on availability Municipality or Embassy.

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PL P O L	Central.	2. Biographic, biometric. 2.1. Yes.	Yes.	Yes, from 28.06.09		3. Yes. 3.1 Yes.	No.	4. Yes. 4.1. Yes / no:	Time in hours.
PT P R T	Central.	2.1. Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Affiliation, marital status, address, signature.	3. The PT national contact point has direct access to i) the passport database (model 2001 onwards) and to ii) the Residence Permits database. 3.1. Yes.	The PT national contact point accesses the ID Card database and eventually other relevant documents via a preferable contact point at the respective issuing authorities.		

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RO ROU	Decentralised	Yes.	Yes.	No.	Passport number, place of residence, issuing body	3. No 3.1 Yes, upon request.	Yes, upon request	4. No. 4.1 Yes, corresponding to the protocol	depending on the type of demand, between 1 hour and 7 days
SE SWE	Central.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes. (working on it in project e-Border),	Personal information; address and place of birth (are taken from other systems), length, personal number, name, documents, date for issuing and expiring date (regarding passports and national id-card), phone number and email addresses, signature, how the person was identified, information on the case officer.	Yes.	No.	4. Yes. 4.1 Yes. The passports act and the passports regulation.	Online 24/7

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SK S V K	Central.	2.1. Yes.	Yes – the database is continuously filled since 1. 4. 2005.	No.		3. Yes. 3.1. Yes.	Yes – in written form.	4. Yes, within condition stipulated in Act No.363/2005. 4.1. Yes – in written form.	Monday–Friday 7:30–15:30.
SL S V N	Central.	2.1. Yes.	Yes.	No.		3. Yes. 3.1. Yes.	No.	4. Yes. 4.1. No.	
UK G B R	Central.	2. Application data. 2.1. Yes.	Yes.	No (anticipated 2009/10).	Previous applications etc.	3. Yes. For routine enquiries to establish authenticity only. Lost or stolen enquiries which have arisen as a result of a hit on the I 24/7 database should be made to	Yes (Telephone/fax).	4. Yes (in order to establish authenticity). 4.1. Yes, enquiries made to the National Document Fraud Unit will be subject to UK Data Protection and Human Rights legislation. Enquiries to the UK NCB Point of Contact should be in line with agreed Interpol protocols.	1 day.

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