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## Part 1: Machine readable passport

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— *Part 1: Machine readable passport*

— *Part 2: Machine readable visa*

— *Part 3: Machine readable official travel documents*

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This part of ISO/IEC 7501 specifies the form and provides guidance on the construction of machine readable passports (MRPs), in particular in relation to those aspects of the MRP where details of the rightful holder are presented in a form which is both visual and machine readable.

The edition of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Document; i.e. Doc 9303 Part 1 – Machine Readable Passports, Section III, Technical Specifications which was adopted as ISO/IEC 7501-1:1997 is now out of date and in the process of being revised.

ICAO Doc 9303 Part 1 is maintained by a Technical Advisory Group on Machine Readable Travel Documents (TAG/MRTD). ISO/IEC JTC 1 has provided and continues to provide liaison during the TAG/MRTD meetings on Doc 9303 Part 1.

Once the new edition of Doc 9303 Part 1 — Machine Readable Passports is finalized by the TAG/MRTD, ISO/IEC JTC 1 will undertake its consideration for endorsement as a new fifth edition of ISO/IEC 7501-1.

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