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Foreword

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The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- following the revision of ISO/IEC 18013-3 and ISO/IEC 18013-1, magnetic stripe and optical memory machine-readable technologies are no longer supported by this document;
- the vehicle categories in respect of which driving licence may be issued have been updated to incorporate the contemplated amendments to the UN Conventions;
- the restrictions which may be applicable to a driving licence have been updated.

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Introduction

ISO/IEC 18013 (all parts) establishes guidelines for the design format and data content of an ISO-compliant driving licence (IDL) with regard to human-readable features (ISO/IEC 18013-1), ISO machine-readable technologies (ISO/IEC 18013-2), and access control, authentication and integrity validation (ISO/IEC 18013-3). It creates a common basis for international use and mutual recognition of the IDL without impeding individual countries/states in applying their privacy rules and national/community/regional motor vehicle authorities in taking care of their specific needs.

This document prescribes requirements for the implementation of machine-readable technology on an IDL.

One of the functions of an IDL is to facilitate international interchange. Storing IDL data in a machine-readable form supports this function by speeding up data input and eliminating transcription errors. Consequently, the automation and productivity of traffic law enforcement and other traffic safety processes can be improved.

This document allows issuing authorities to customise machine-readable data for domestic use. Apart from international interchange, the use of an IDL as a domestic driving licence thus provides for domestic standardisation and creates a domestic infrastructure capable of processing IDLs issued by other issuing authorities.

Provision is made for issuing authorities to validate the authenticity and integrity of the mandatory and optional data. In addition, the option of protecting access to optional data (beyond basic access protection) is provided for. The exact mechanism used to achieve such protection (e.g. encryption and/or additional access control) is specified in ISO/IEC 18013-3.

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Part 2: Machine-readable technologies

1 Scope

The purpose of storing IDL data on machine-readable media on the IDL is to:

- increase productivity (of data and IDL use),
- facilitate electronic data exchange, and
- assist in authenticity and integrity validation.

This document thus specifies the following:

- mandatory and optional machine-readable data;
- the logical data structure;
- encoding rules for the machine-readable technologies currently supported.

To prevent unauthorised access to the data contained on a contactless IC (e.g. by eavesdropping), the privacy of the licence holder is protected via basic access protection requiring a human-readable and/or machine-readable key/password on the IDL to access the data on the PIC (via protected-channel communication). The implementation details of this function are defined in ISO/IEC 18013-3.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 3166-1, *Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions — Part 1: Country codes*

ISO/IEC 5218, *Information technology — Codes for the representation of human sexes*

ISO/IEC 7812-1, *Identification cards — Identification of issuers — Part 1: Numbering system*

ISO/IEC 7816-1, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 1: Cards with contacts — Physical characteristics*

ISO/IEC 7816-2, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 2: Cards with contacts — Dimensions and location of the contacts*

ISO/IEC 7816-3, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 3: Cards with contacts — Electrical interface and transmission protocols*

ISO/IEC 7816-4, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 4: Organization, security and commands for interchange*

ISO/IEC 7816-5, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 5: Registration of application providers*

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ISO/IEC 7816-6, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 6: Interindustry data elements for interchange*

ISO/IEC 7816-11:2017, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 11: Personal verification through biometric methods*

ISO/IEC 8825-1, *Information technology — ASN.1 encoding rules: Specification of Basic Encoding Rules (BER), Canonical Encoding Rules (CER) and Distinguished Encoding Rules (DER) — Part 1*

ISO/IEC 8859-1, *Information technology — 8-bit single-byte coded graphic character sets — Part 1: Latin alphabet No. 1*

ISO/IEC 10918-1, *Information technology — Digital compression and coding of continuous-tone still images: Requirements and guidelines — Part 1*

ISO/IEC 14443-1, *Cards and security devices for personal identification — Contactless proximity objects — Part 1: Physical characteristics*

ISO/IEC 14443-2, *Identification cards — Contactless integrated circuit(s) cards — Proximity cards — Part 2: Radio frequency power and signal interface*

ISO/IEC 14443-3, *Cards and security devices for personal identification — Contactless proximity objects — Part 3: Initialization and anticollision*

ISO/IEC 14443-4, *Cards and security devices for personal identification — Contactless proximity objects — Part 4: Transmission protocol*

ISO/IEC 15444-1, *Information technology — JPEG 2000 image coding system: Core coding system*

ISO/IEC 15948, *Information technology — Computer graphics and image processing — Portable Network Graphics (PNG): Functional specification*

ISO/IEC 18013 (all parts), *Information technology — Personal identification — ISO-compliant driving licence*

ISO/IEC 19785-1:2015, *Information technology — Common Biometric Exchange Formats Framework — Part 1: Data element specification*

ISO/IEC 19785-3:2015, *Information technology — Common Biometric Exchange Formats Framework — Part 3: Patron format specifications*

ISO/IEC 19794-2:2005, *Information technology — Biometric data interchange formats — Part 2: Finger minutiae data*

ISO/IEC 19794-3:2006, *Information technology — Biometric data interchange formats — Part 3: Finger pattern spectral data*

ISO/IEC 19794-4:2005, *Information technology — Biometric data interchange formats — Part 4: Finger image data*

ISO/IEC 19794-5:2005, *Information technology — Biometric data interchange formats — Part 5: Face image data*

ISO/IEC 19794-6:2005, *Information technology — Biometric data interchange formats — Part 6: Iris image data*

IEC 61966-2-1, *Multimedia systems and equipment — Colour measurement and management — Part 2-1: Colour management — Default RGB colour space — sRGB*

IAFIS-IC-0110(v3), *WSQ Gray-scale Fingerprint Image Compression Specification, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Criminal Justice Information Services Division (1997)*

ICAO, *Doc9303 Machine Readable Travel Documents, Seventh Edition 2015*

3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 18013-1 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1.1

basic access protection

BAP

protection method requiring a human-readable and/or machine-readable key/password on the IDL to access the data on the secure IC via protected-channel communication

3.1.2

binary coded decimal

BCD

binary coding of a sequence of integers using 4 bits for each integer (where the bit weights are 8421) and encoding two integers per byte, and where a 0 digit is appended to the left of an integer sequence containing an uneven number of digits before encoding

Note 1 to entry: Only unsigned BCD is used in this document.

Note 2 to entry: For purposes of this document, the definition of numeric characters in ISO/IEC 18013-1 in terms of ISO/IEC 8859-1 is deemed to be for identification purposes of the numeric characters only, and does not pertain to the manner in which numeric characters have to be encoded. Encoding rules are explicitly specified in this document.

EXAMPLE See [Table 1](#).

Table 1 — BCD examples

Integer	BCD
5	0000 0101
20	0010 0000
387	0000 0011 1000 0111

3.1.3

biometric data block

BDB

block of data with a defined format that contains one or more biometric samples or *biometric templates* ([3.1.5](#))

3.1.4

biometric information record

BIR

BioAPI Consortium Patron Format biometric record header

3.1.5

biometric template

biometric sample (i.e. information obtained from a biometric device, either directly or after further processing) or combination of biometric samples that is suitable for storage as a reference for future comparison

Note 1 to entry: This definition is an expansion of a definition in ISO/IEC 19785-1:2015.

3.1.6

card holder

person using an IDL, who is not necessarily the legitimate licence holder

3.1.7

common biometric exchange file format

CBEFF

file format that promotes interoperability of biometric-based applications and systems by specifying a standard structure for a *BIR* (3.1.4) and a set of abstract data elements and values that can be used to create the header part of a CBEFF-compliant BIR

Note 1 to entry: This definition is based on descriptive language in ISO/IEC 19785-1:2015.

3.1.8

compact encoding

encoding method when the memory capacity available for the IDL application does not exceed 5 kB, typically applicable to 2D bar code symbologies, *RFID* (3.1.13) and limited memory-capacity ICs (PICs and ICs with contacts)

Note 1 to entry: Compact encoding generates one constructed data object containing all *data groups* (3.1.9). Selective reading is not possible and the read device reads all data at the same time, where after the data is parsed. Using this method for machine-readable technologies with large memory capacity is not recommended as it can result in prolonged reading time.

Note 2 to entry: Compact encoding may also be used where the total memory capacity exceeds 5 kB (e.g. ICs with contacts and PICs) but where the capacity available to the IDL application is limited due to capacity being reserved for other applications.

3.1.9

data group

DG

collection of related data elements

3.1.10

delimiter

D

character used to separate data elements in a machine-readable data stream

3.1.10.1

data group delimiter

multiplication sign "×"

Note 1 to entry: Character D7 of ISO/IEC 8859-1.

3.1.10.2

field delimiter

division sign "÷"

Note 1 to entry: Character F7 of ISO/IEC 8859-1.

3.1.10.3
sub-field delimiter
sub-delimiter
 semicolon “;”

Note 1 to entry: Character 3B of ISO/IEC 8859-1.

3.1.10.4
end of file delimiter
 pilcrow “¶”

Note 1 to entry: Character B6 of ISO/IEC 8859-1.

3.1.11
digital signature

data appended to, or cryptographic transformation of, a data string that proves the origin and the integrity of the data string and protects against forgery, e.g. by the recipient of the data string

3.1.12
standard encoding

encoding method when the memory capacity available for the IDL application exceeds 5 kB, typically applicable to ICs (PICs and ICs with contacts)

3.1.13
radio-frequency identification
RFID

ISO/IEC 14443-compliant IC designed primarily for data storage

3.2 Abbreviated terms

DF	dedicated file
EF	elementary file
F	fixed length field
IC	integrated circuit
ICC	integrated circuit card
LDS	logical data structure
MF	master file
PIC	proximity integrated circuit
PICC	proximity integrated circuit card
V	variable length field

4 Conformance

A driving licence is in conformance with this document if it meets all mandatory requirements specified directly or by reference herein. Compliance with ISO/IEC 18013-1 is not required for compliance with this document, except for those parts of ISO/IEC 18013-1 directly referenced in this document outside of [Clause 3](#). Conversely, the incorporation of a machine-readable technology which is not compliant with this document does not necessarily render the IDL non-compliant with ISO/IEC 18013-1.

5 Machine-readable functionality of IDLs

5.1 Overview

The subclauses that follow specify the functions (mandatory and optional) to be supported by any machine-readable data elements used on an IDL. The optional domestic data elements incorporated at the discretion of an issuing authority may support additional functions than those specified below.

5.2 General principles

The use of machine-readable functionality in IDLs is optional. If used, all the data elements identified in ISO/IEC 18013-1 as mandatory for international interchange, except for the signature and portrait of the licence holder, shall be included in the machine-readable data. The machine-readable data elements may also include any other data/information that appears visually on the IDL (such as the identification of the issuing country), as well as additional data elements not reflected visually on the IDL. No machine-readable data/information shall conflict with the human-readable data/information. Machine-readable data elements shall, except for optional domestic data (see 8.9), have the exact same meaning as the human-readable data elements on the IDL.

NOTE A conflict between human-readable data elements and machine-readable data elements can cast suspicion upon the licence holder.

Rewriting, updating and appending functions may be supported to the extent allowed by the technology (or technologies) used. If implemented, such functions shall comply with the principles set out herein. Security options are established to support authenticity and integrity of machine-readable data.

It shall be possible to read mandatory data without restriction (with the exception of basic access protection in the case of a PIC IDL). Optional data may be protected, in which case the protection mechanism (and associated parameters) shall be noted or referenced. The various protection mechanisms are specified in ISO/IEC 18013-3. The optional domestic data may be protected in any manner without restriction.

Changes to machine-readable data elements by the issuing authority are allowed only to data-elements that do not appear in human-readable format on the IDL. Issuing authorities shall uniquely identify each new version (see 8.4) of optional machine-readable data (typically after changing the originally recorded optional data). Issuing authorities shall issue a new IDL when changes to machine-readable data elements will lead to inconsistencies with human-readable data elements on the IDL.

5.3 Mandatory functions

5.3.1 General

Machine-readable data elements included on an IDL shall support/enable the functions described in the following subclauses.

5.3.2 Privilege to drive at time of licensing

Using the IDL to determine (from machine-readable data elements) the driving privileges [and associated restrictions, conditions and validity period(s)] granted to the licence holder by the issuing authority identified on the IDL. It is recognized that this information does not confirm that the issuing authority presently (i.e. at the time when the machine-readable data on an IDL is read by an entity trying to establish a licence holder's driving privileges) considers the licence holder's driving privileges to be valid.

5.3.3 Reference to driving privilege database

Using the machine-readable data elements (such as the licence number) on the IDL to reference records of driving privileges maintained by the issuing authority.

5.3.4 Age verification

Using the machine-readable data elements on the IDL to assure that the licence holder meets various age thresholds for certain products and services, including driving privileges (in the case where the age threshold to drive a particular category of vehicle domestically in the issuing country is lower than the age permitted internationally).

5.4 Optional functions

5.4.1 Identity verification

Using the machine-readable data elements on the IDL to confirm, by way of a visual comparison of the portrait image, that the card holder is the licence holder.

5.4.2 Biographical data verification

Using the machine-readable data elements on the IDL to confirm, by way of visual inspection of the biographical data printed on the portrait side of the card, that such data have not been altered.

5.4.3 Evidence of residence

Ability to use the IDL as evidence that the licence holder resided at a specific location at the time the IDL was issued. It is recognized that this information does not confirm that the issuing authority presently considers the licence holder's residential information to be correct.

5.4.4 Biometric authentication

Ability to use a machine-readable biometric template or templates on the IDL to determine whether the card holder is the licence holder by means of a machine-assisted biometric verification process (i.e. a one-to-one match).

5.4.5 Reciprocity of driving privileges

Ability for a country other than the issuing country to use the machine-readable data elements on the IDL to establish whether a mutual recognition agreement (or agreements) exists with the issuing authority.

5.4.6 Document authentication and validation

Ability to reference items on or qualities about the IDL to verify the document is authentic (i.e. produced by the issuing authority reflected both in the human- and machine-readable data) and that no data has been altered since issuing.

6 Machine-readable technologies supported

Technologies suitable for both compact encoding and standard encoding are supported.

For compact encoding, a typical minimum capacity of 300 usable bytes is required.

Given the minimum data capacity needed to support the mandatory data requirements, the IDL may contain any or a combination of the following machine-readable technologies:

- RFID — Compact encoding, specified in [Annex B](#).
- Two-dimensional bar code — Compact encoding, specified in [Annex B](#).
- IC with contacts — Standard encoding, specified in [Annex C](#) (failing which, compact encoding only if limited memory capacity is available for the IDL application, specified in [Annex B](#)).