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Foreword

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International Standard ISO/IEC 7501-2 was prepared by Joint Technical Committee ISO/IEC JTC 1, *Information technology*, Subcommittee SC 17, *Identification cards and related devices*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO/IEC 7501-2:1995), which has been technically revised.

ISO/IEC 7501 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Identification cards — Machine readable travel documents*:

— *Part 1: Machine readable passport*

— *Part 2: Machine readable visa*

— *Part 3: Machine readable official travel documents*

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The current edition of the following document is adopted as International Standard ISO/IEC 7501-2 : 1997:

- International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), Machine Readable Travel Documents, (Doc 9303 Part 2), Machine Readable Visas, Sections III and IV, Technical Specifications.

This International Standard specifies the form and provides guidance on the construction of machine readable visas, in particular in relation to the sections of the document containing details of the holder in a form which is both visible and machine readable.

It is based on a standard established by the International Civil Aviation Organization Doc 9303 Part 2.

ICAO Doc 9303 Part 2 is maintained by a Technical Advisory Group on Machine Readable Travel Documents (TAG/MRTD). ISO/IEC JTC1 has provided liaison during the TAG/MRTD meetings on Doc 9303 Part 2 and considered the technical specifications to which the endorsement notice applies.

Information on the TAG/MRTD for ICAO 9303 Part 2 may be obtained on application to the Secretary General, International Civil Aviation Organization, 999 University Street, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3C 5H7.

Note - Copies of ICAO Doc 9303 Part 2 may be obtained from the International Civil Aviation Organization, 999 University Street, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3C 5H7.

Technical Specifications defined in Sections III and IV of ICAO Doc 9303 Part 2 refers to a number of International Standards. Specifically,

ISO 1073-2 : 1976, *Alphanumeric character sets for optical recognition - Part 2: Character set OCR-B - Shapes and dimensions of the printed image.*

ISO 1831 : 1980, *Printing specifications for optical character recognition.*

ISO/IEC 7810 : 1995, *Identification cards, Physical characteristics.*

ISO 8601 : 1988, *Data elements and interchange formats - Information interchange - Representation of dates and times.*

ISO 3166 : 1993, *Codes for the representation of names of countries.*

Additional information

This International Standard does not adopt Sections I and II of ICAO Doc 9303 Part 2.

Section I is *"Introduction"*
Section II is *"General considerations"*

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