

Introduction

From July 2009 the United Kingdom will start to introduce a new emergency passport.

The new document reflects the increased focus on security and the need to continue to enhance the integrity of UK travel documentation.

The new passports are digitally imaged, machine readable and compliant with ICAO 9303. They feature the latest thin film laminate technology.

They will be issued for emergency purposes to UK citizens overseas in circumstances where their full validity passport is not available e.g. where it has been lost or stolen.

They can also be issued to unrepresented EU or Commonwealth citizens with the permission of their national governments.

This is an emergency travel document which will be valid for less than one year, does not contain a chip and has a limited number of pages for visas.

We expect the document to be widely used by mid-2010.

Quick Reference Guide

Thermochromic

Thermochromic ink which changes from red to colourless when heat is applied.



Watermark

Hold the passport up to the light to see the watermark reading 'PASSPORT', 'PASAPORTE' or 'PASSEPORT'.



Pearlescent

Pearlescent ink which when viewed at an angle reflects the light.



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