

Pursuant to article 61, paragraph (2) of the Law on Administration ("Official Gazette of BiH", no. 32/02 regarding the article 8a of the Law on Travel Documents of Bosnia and Herzegovina ("Official Gazette of BiH", no. 4/97, 1/99, 9/99, 27/03, 32/00, 19/01, 47/04, 53/07, 15/08, 33/08, 39/08), regarding the Information about activity carried out by competent authorities and the beginning of the distribution biometric travel documents which was adopted at the 99<sup>th</sup> session of the Council of Ministers of BiH, held on September 24<sup>th</sup> 2009, the Minister of the Ministry of Civil Affairs of BiH issues

## **DECISION ON THE BEGINNING OF ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS WITH CONTACTLESS ELECTRONIC-MEMORY ELEMENT**

### Article 1.

(The beginning of issuance)

With this Decision, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 is set as date when the issuance of passports with contactless electronic-memory element – electronic passports begins.

### Article 2.

(Assignment of the competent authorities for personalization)

Agency for Identification Documents, Registers and Data Exchange of BiH is obliged to personalize all requests for issuance of travel documents received from competent authorities beginning from October 15, 2009 at 7:00am by central European time with personal data in the forms of travel documents with electronic-memory element - electronic passport.

### Article 3.

(Assignment of the competent authorities for issuance of travel documents)

Authorities responsible for issuing travel documents are obliged to conduct proceedings, requests processing and recording data for issuing passports with electronic-memory element - electronic passport, according to the procedures defined by laws and by-laws.

### Article 4.

(Implementation of Decision)

Agency for Identification Documents, Registers and Data Exchange of BiH and authorities responsible for issuing travel documents are in charge for implementation of this Decision.

Article 5

(Issuance of diplomatic and service passports)

The beginning of issuance of service and diplomatic passports with contactless electronic-memory element will be determined by a specific decision.

Article 6

(Entry into force)

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption and will be published in the "Official Gazette of BiH".

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Minister

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