

Pursuant to Article II 3 m) and Article IV 4.a) of the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina, at the 50th session of the House of Representatives, held on 18th July 2013 and at 31st session of the House of People, held on 23rd July 2013, issues

**LAW
ON AMENDMENTS TO THE
THE LAW ON TRAVEL DOCUMENTS OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

Article 1

In the Law on Travel Documents of Bosnia and Herzegovina ("Official Gazette of BiH", nos. 4/97, 1/99, 9/99, 27/00, 32/00, 19/01, 47/04, 53/07, 15/08, 33/08 and 39/08), in Article 2 a new paragraph 3 shall be added and read as follows:

"Personal data in travel document are subject to protection. The copy of travel document can be requested only in the procedure of citizenship audit, termination of citizenship and in other cases when it is explicitly envisaged by law."

Article 2

In Article 6 paragraph 1, item 1 a new indent d) shall be added and read as follows:
"d) Mark for electronic travel document."

Article 3

In Article 7 paragraph 1, item 2. a new indent d) shall be added and read as follows:
"d) Mark for electronic travel document."

Article 4

After Article 7 new Articles 7a and 7b shall be added and read as follows:

„Article 7a

Travel documents for refugees shall be of the following form:

1. Covers of light blue color,
2. The front cover shall contain, in the following order:
 - a) Words: " BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA"
 - b) Words: "TRAVEL DOCUMENT"
 - c) Words: "(Convention of 28th July 1951)"
 - d) Mark for electronic travel document.

Text in indents a),b) and c) item 1, paragraph 1 of this Article is written in Bosnian, Croatian and English (in Latin) and in Serbian (in Cyrillic).

Text on the first page of travel document is same as the text on the front cover.

Article 7b

Travel documents for stateless persons shall be of the following form:

1. Covers of grey color,
2. The front cover shall contain, in the following order:

- a) Words: " BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA"
- b) Words: "TRAVEL DOCUMENT"
- c) Words: "(Convention of 28th September 1954),
- d) Mark for electronic travel document.

Text in indents a),b) and c) item 1, paragraph 1 of this Article is written in Bosnian, Croatian and English(in Latin) and in Serbian (in Cyrillic).

Text on the first page of travel document is same as the text on the front cover.

Article 5

In Article 8a, paragraph 1 shall be amended and read as follows:

"Passport, diplomatic and service passport, travel document for refugees and travel document for stateless persons contain contactless memory element."

In paragraph 2, the words "Articles 6 and 7" are replaced with words "Articles 6, 7, 7a and 7b."

Article 6

In Article 12 paragraph 3 shall be erased.

Current paragraphs 4 and 5 shall become paragraphs 3 and 4.

Article 7

Article 18, paragraph 1 shall be amended and read as follows:

"The application for issuance of travel documents shall be submitted in person, except for applications for issuance of diplomatic and service person which shall be submitted by competent authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina or an entity, and travel certificate for citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina which can be issued ex officio by competent authority."

After paragraph 5, paragraphs 6 and 7 shall be added and read as follows:

"A person who due to age, illness or other disability is limited or unable to move can be allowed to submit the application in simplified manner, through mobile working station. The submission of the application for the issuance of travel document in simplified manner through mobile working station can be enabled also to citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina who live abroad in case of large number of applicants for the issuance of travel documents at locations remote from diplomatic or consular representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and when total costs of travelling and other circumstances indicate racional and justified possibility of submitting application in simplified manner. The Agency for Identification Documents, Registers and Data Exchnage (hereinafter: the Agency) stipulates technical conditions and procedures for the use of mobile working stations at remote locations.

Travel document can be taken over personally, via a proxy or post, in a manner which shall be envisaged by the guidelines which shall be issued by the Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina."

Article 8

In Article 19 paragraph 1, after words: " permanent residence" the words: " or temporary residence for displaced person, proof of payment for travel document" are added.

Paragraph 3 shall be erased.

Current paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7 shall become paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Article 9

After Article 19 b, Article 19c shall be added and read as follows:

"Article 19c

Apart from the application for issuance of electronic travel document an applicant, i.e. person to whom travel document is issued upon the application by competent authority, is obliged to provide biometric data (photograph, two fingerprints and signature) for the authentication for which unique physiological characteristics of every person are used so that IT system could authenticate him/her.

Prints of left and right index fingers are taken from the person referred to in paragraph 1. If the applicant does not have index finger or the tip of the index finger is injured, prints of middle or other finger are taken, and if the applicant does not have one hand then the prints of index finger and middle or some other finger of the other hand are taken. Fingerprints shall not be taken if it is impossible due to medical reasons, unless they are temporary.

If a person is illiterate or taking signature is not possible due to other justified reasons, the sign XX is written in the space for signature, and an authorized person shall specify at the back of the application the reasons for impossibility of taking the signature, which is to be verified by his/her signature.

Fingerprints and signature shall not be taken from a child until the child reaches the age of twelve.

The Agency in accordance with the Law on Agency shall regulate detailed manners of biometric data acquisition."

Article 10

In Article 25b, item 3 shall be added and read as follows:

"3. Whoever requests the copy of travel document from citizen of Bosnia and Herzegovina in contrary to Article 2 paragraph 3 of this Law."

Article 11

Article 26 shall be amended and read as follows:

"Article 26

Competent authorities defined by Article 13 of this Law are obliged to submit data in central register of the Agency.

A citizen can submit the application for the issuance of the certificate on facts from registers electronically through portals of competent authorities.

The Agency provides technical support to competent authorities for conducting activities from paragraph 2 of this Article, on which special guidelines shall be issued."

Article 12

In Article 28, paragraph 2 shall be erased.

Current paragraphs 3 and 4 shall become 2 and 3.

Current paragraph 5 which shall become paragraph 4 shall be amended and read as follows:

"At the proposal of the Agency, the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall determine the price of travel documents."

Article 13

Article 29 shall be amended and read as follows:

"Article 29

Passport for citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be issued for a validity period of ten years.

Passport for citizen younger than 3 years of age shall be issued for a validity period of three years, and to citizen from three to eighteen years of age for a validity period of five years.

Diplomatic and service passports shall be issued for a validity period of five years.

Passport for citizen with the status of displaced person and has registered temporary residence shall be issued for a validity period of two years.

Passport with shorter period of validity shall be issued to a citizen to whom fingerprints can not be taken temporarily, on which the Agency shall issue special guidelines, and competent authority shall enter this information in the special place in the passport form.

Travel document for refugees and travel documents for stateless persons are issued for a validity period of two years.

Travel certificate for citizens of BiH and travel certificate for foreigners shall be issued for a validity period of 30 days.

Seaman's book and maritime book are issued for a validity period of five years."

Article 14

Legal - Constitutional Committee of the House of Representatives and Legal - Constitutional Committee of the House of People are authorized to determine together the consolidated text of the Law on travel documents of Bosnia and Herzegovina ("Official Gazette of BiH", nos. 4/97, 1/99, 9/99, 27/00, 32/00, 19/01, 47/04, 53/07, 15/08, 33/08 and 39/08).

Article 15

This Law shall enter into force on the eighth day after its publication in the "Official Gazette of BiH".

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