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**Personal identification - Robustness against biometric  
presentation attacks - Application to European Automated  
Border Control**

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garantir la robustesse de la biométrie dans les  
systèmes de contrôle frontalier automatisés européens  
contre les attaques de présentation

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Europäischer ABC-Systeme gegenüber Manipulation

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## European foreword

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## Introduction

EU Member States issue electronic passports (ePassports) containing a smart-card chip that stores biometric data. The biometric data stored is a face image and two finger images of the holder, except for Ireland and the UK, which issue ePassports containing only a face image. A number of EU Member States have deployed automated border control (ABC) systems that automate border checks for EU citizens in possession of an ePassport. An ABC system authenticates the ePassport, verifies that the traveller is the rightful holder of the ePassport by comparing presented biometric characteristics with biometric data stored in the ePassport, queries border control records (possibly involving biometric identification of the traveller in watchlists), and finally determines eligibility of border crossing according to pre-defined rules, without intervention of a border guard. Border guards can supervise several ABC lanes and intervene whenever something does not work as expected or the traveller hits a watchlist.

Even though supervised, ABC systems are potentially vulnerable to biometric presentation attacks. A biometric presentation attack (or spoofing) is the presentation of artefacts or human characteristics to the biometric capture subsystem in a fashion that may interfere with the system policy. Techniques for the automated detection of presentation attacks are called presentation attack detection (PAD) mechanisms.

This document deals with best practice recommendations regarding the PAD capabilities of European ABC systems.

## 1 Scope

This document is an application profile for the International Standard ISO/IEC 30107. It provides requirements and recommendations for the implementation of Automated Border Control (ABC) systems in Europe with Presentation Attack Detection (PAD) capability.

This document covers the evaluation of countermeasures from the Biometrics perspective as well as privacy, data protection and usability aspects. Technical descriptions of countermeasures are out of scope. Enrolment, issuance and verification applications of electronic Machine Readable Travel Documents (eMRTD) other than border control are not in scope. In particular, presentation attacks at enrolment are out of scope.

The biometric reference data can be stored in an eMRTD and/or in a database of registered travellers.

This document covers:

- biometric impostor attacks and
- biometric concealer attacks in a watchlist scenario.

This document addresses PAD for facial and fingerprint biometrics only.

## 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/IEC 2382-37, *Information technology — Vocabulary — Part 37: Biometrics*

ISO/IEC 30107 (series), *Information Technology — Biometric presentation attack detection*

CEN/TS 16634, *Personal identification - Recommendations for using biometrics in European Automated Border Control*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 2382-37, CEN/TS 16634, ISO/IEC 30107 (series) and the following apply.

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

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

### 3.1

#### **automated border control system**

##### **ABC system**

automated system which authenticates the electronic machine readable travel document or token, establishes that the passenger is the rightful holder of the document or token, queries border control records and other relevant records or databases, then determines eligibility of border crossing according to the predefined rules