

**High Commission of India
Lusaka**

PUBLIC ADVISORY

PHASING OUT OF HANDWRITTEN PASSPORTS

The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) had set a deadline of 24th November 2015 for phasing out of all non-Machine Readable Passports. Since that date, all non-Machine Readable Passports have been phased out and concerned Governments can deny visa or deny entry to any person travelling on a non-Machine Readable Passport.

2. As such, any Indian national holding a handwritten passport is advised to immediately approach the Indian High Commission in Lusaka and replace such passport with a machine-readable passport. For details on obtaining a passport, Indian citizens residing in Zambia are advised to visit the High Commission of India's website www.hcizambia.gov.in

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