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Face Image Data Standard
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1. Introduction

The Indian Government proposes to use biometric data for identification and verification of individuals in e-Governance applications. The biometric data includes fingerprint image, minutiae, face image and iris data.

This standard deals with usage of face image data for human visual inspection and verification.

With the objective of interoperability among various e-Governance applications, the face image data standard for Indian e-Governance Applications will adopt ISO /IEC 19794-5:2005(E). While the ISO standard is broad to cover all possible applications of computer based face recognition and human visual inspection, this standard is more restrictive, as it is limited to human visual inspection. However, this standard does consider the future use of the stored face images for computer based facial recognition. The ISO standard specifications are tailored to meet specific needs of civilian e-Governance applications by specifying certain prescriptive values and best practices suitable in Indian context.

1.1 Scope

This standard includes capture and storage specifications of face images for human visual inspection and verification of the individuals in Indian E-Governance applications. A possible future use of these images for computer based face recognition is kept in view during the capture and storage. It specifies a format to store face image data within a biometric data record compliant to the Common Biometric Exchange Formats Framework (CBEFF), given in ISO 19785-1. It also includes best practices recommended for implementation of the specifications in different categories of e-Governance applications.

The Indian e-Governance applications will have both biometric identification and verification phases, to ensure there is no duplication of identity and to verify the identity of a person for access to the services of the application. The face image would be mainly used for verification of identity of an individual along with other biometric data like fingerprints/iris image data. In case of missing fingerprints/iris data of an individual, it would be used as primary data for identification/verification.

Manual Facial recognition is not sufficient currently for de-duplication.

. Computer based face recognition has reasonable accuracy under controlled conditions only. Hence for de-duplication purposes, other biometrics like finger print/iris image are also recommended which are beyond scope of this document.

In view of the above, the scope of this standard includes:

- a. Characteristics of Face Image capturing device
- b. Specifications of Digital Face Image & Face Photograph Specifications intended only for human visual inspection and verification
- c. Scene requirements of the face images, keeping in view a future possibility of computer based face recognition

- d. Face Record Format for storing, archiving, and transmitting the information of face image within a CBEFF header data structure for the purpose of interoperability and usage in future for computer based face recognition.

This standard is sufficiently broad to cover the requirements of all e-Governance applications. The applications may judiciously select the specifications relevant to their needs.

1.2 Objective/Purpose

The purpose of this standard is to provide the capture and storage specifications of face images to ensure capture of good quality image and interoperability in Indian e-Governance applications. The specifications are mandated where necessary or recommended as best practices, where possible.

The intended applications are:

- a. **Human visual inspection** of facial images with sufficient resolution to allow a human (manual) examiner to ascertain small features such as moles and scars that might be used to verify a person's identity.
- b. **Human (manual) verification of identity** by comparison of a person's face against his/her stored facial image.

1.3 Applicability

These biometric Standards would be applicable to all e-Governance applications in India as per the Government's Policy on Open Standards.

1.4 Description

Photograph of the face is commonly used in various types of identification cards and there is wide public acceptance for this biometric identifier. Photograph stored in digital form/electronic representation of portrait i.e. face image, can be used either for display for human visual inspection or for computer based face recognition.

As per ISO/IEC 19794-5 Face Image Data standard, there are mainly two types of face images as follows:

Basic face image: It specifies face image record format including header and image data. It is a fundamental requirement of face image acquisition.

Frontal Image: It is a basic face image that adheres to additional requirements appropriate for frontal face recognition and/or human examination.

There are two types of Frontal Face Images - Full Frontal & Token Frontal as described below:

Full Frontal Type: It specifies frontal image with sufficient resolution for human examination as well as reliable computer based recognition. This image includes the full head width, all hair in most cases, as well as neck and shoulders. This image type is suitable for permanent storage of the face information, and it is applicable to portraits for passport, driver license, and other ID cards.

Token Frontal: A face image type that specifies frontal images with a specific geometric size and eye positioning based on the width and height of the image. This image type is suitable for minimizing the storage requirements for computer face recognition tasks such as verification while still offering vendor independence and human verification capabilities.

A face needs to be well lighted using controlled light sources, and in frontal pose for visual examination or automated recognition. There are many other technical challenges also associated with robust face recognition, which can be addressed by following standard specifications and recommended best practices.

This version of the Face Image Standard describes standard specifications and recommended best practices focused around Frontal Image, which inherits basic image requirements also.

2. Target Audience

All e-Governance projects rolled out by Central and State Governments or any other organization using face images or face photographs.

Photographers, who capture facial images for e-Governance applications.

All Integrators/Biometric Service providers.

3. Type of Standard Document

Type: Standard Specifications & Best Practices

Enforcement Category:

Standard Specifications – Mandatory

Best Practices: Recommended

4. Definitions and Acronyms

Refer Annexure I

5. Face Image Specifications

In the present version of the Standard, the face images are intended only for human (manual) verification in Indian e-Governance applications. These images are mandated to be frontal face images with standard specifications in compliance with International standard ISO 19794-5: 2005(E). Latest technical amendments/enhancements issued by ISO over this standard are being examined, for future versions of this standard.

In order to be interoperable among different vendors, it is required that these images be stored in a format compliant to the international standard ISO 19794-5, within the overall Common Biometric Exchange Formats Framework (CBEFF) as per ISO 19785-1.

The standard specifications are divided into five components as follows:

- a. Face Image capturing Device Characteristics
- b. Face Image and Photograph Specifications
- c. Scene requirements
- d. Face image Capture, Storage and Transmission Specifications
- e. Face Image Record Format Specifications.

5.1 Face Image Capturing Device Characteristics

5.1.1 Source Type

- a. Static face image from a **Digital still image camera or Web camera (0x02)** which supports image capturing in a format as specified in section 5.5 and having specifications to meet the image quality requirements.

Refer section 6.1.1(a) for best practices for certain device specifications.

- b. Digitized photograph from a flatbed **Scanner (0x03)** of 118 dpcm (300 dpi) resolution that supports image capturing in a format as specified in section 5.5

Note: Scanner specifications require much more detailing like scanner type, quality requirements, speed etc. In view of the fact that presently many Governance applications may require to use scanner, the present version includes minimum required specifications for scanner. Detailed specifications are being worked out which would be released soon through a corrigendum.

Refer section 6.1.1(b) for best practices.

Refer section 5.7.6 of ISO 19794-5:2005 (E) for the source type codes.

5.1.2 Pixel Aspect Ratio of the capturing device

Pixel aspect ratio should be 1:1

5.2 Face Image Specifications

5.2.1 Face Image Type

The Full Frontal Image should be captured as per the specifications laid down in this Standard.

Refer section 8.3 of ISO 19794-5 for more detailing about photographic requirements of full frontal face image type

Refer section 6.1.5 for recommended best practices for full frontal image specifications for travel documents

5.2.2 Color Space

24 bit RGB (i.e. Code 0x01)

Refer section 5.7.5 and Table 12 of ISO/19794-5.

5.2.3 Inter-eye Distance

The Inter-eye distance should be a minimum 120 pixels for a head width of 240 pixels.

Refer section A.3.1 of ISO 19794-5.

Refer section 6.1 for recommended best practices.

5.2.4 Pose Angle

Rotation of the head shall be less than ± 5 degrees from frontal in every direction (i.e. roll, pitch and yaw).

5.2.5 Shoulders

Both the shoulders should be visible.

5.3 Scene Requirements

5.3.1 Expression

Expression of the face should be neutral (non-smiling) with both eyes open normally (i.e. code 0x01). This information has to be stored in the facial image header because it would help in automatic face recognition in the future.

5.3.2 Background of Face Image

White background is recommended, provided there is sufficient distinction between the face/hair area and the background. In situations where distinction is not clear, a light gray background, up to **18% gray level** is permitted.

Only one person should be present in the photograph and no other person or object should be present in the background covered in the face image.

5.3.3 Subject and Scene Lighting

Natural lighting should be equally distributed on the face

Refer section 7.2.7 of ISO 19794-5:2005(E).

5.3.4 Shadows over the Face

The region of the face, from the crown to the base of the chin and from ear-to-ear, shall be clearly visible and free of shadows (*Refer section 7.2.8 of ISO 19794-5:2005(E)*).

5.3.5 Shadows in Eye-Socket

There shall be no dark shadows in the eye-sockets due to the brow. The iris and pupil of the eyes shall be clearly visible (*Refer section 7.2.9 of ISO/19794-5*).

5.3.6 Hot Spots

Care should be taken to avoid hot spots (bright areas of light shining on the face (*Refer section 7.2.10 of ISO 19794-5:2005(E)*)).

5.3.8 Eye Glasses

Glasses should be clear and transparent to ensure clear visibility of eye pupils and irises.

Note: Quality of face image will be checked based on the above specifications. A complete checklist is provided in the best practices section 6.2. The face image will get qualified for storage at the time of enrolment or manual verification, only if it clears all the checklist features.

5.4 Photograph Size Specifications for Scanning

Photograph to be scanned for digitization should adhere to specifications of the face image & scene requirements mentioned above. In addition, it should have the following size specifications:

5.4.1 Width

The width of the face photograph should be approximately 35 mm (1.4 inches).

5.4.2 Height

The height of the face photograph should be approximately 45 mm (1.75 inches).

5.4.3 Aspect Ratio

Width to height ratio should be between 1:1.25 – 1.33

5.4.4 Head Width

The head width of the face in the photograph should be approximately 20 mm (0.79 inches). The head width relative to photograph width should be between 50% to 70%.

5.4.5 Head Height

The head height (chin to crown portion) of the face in the photograph should be approximately 25 mm (0.98 inches). Head height relative to photograph height should be between 70% to 80%.

Refer section A.3.1 of ISO 19794-5 for these specifications.

5.5 Face image Capture, Storage and Transmission Formats

5.5.1 Image Capturing Format for Enrolment

For enrolment, the face image can be captured in lossless format (PNG/ JPEG¹2000/ DNG/ TIFF/ RAW).

5.5.2 Image Capturing Format for Verification

For human manual inspection, usually the verification is done by comparing the face of person with printed photograph on the travel document / identity card. However, at times, there may be a need to capture image of the face for verification. Depending upon the e-Governance application sensitivity requirements, the face image for verification can be captured either in lossless format (PNG/ JPEG2000/ DNG/ TIFF/ RAW) or JPEG2000² with compression ratio up to 1:15.

5.5.3 Image Storage/Archival Format

Once the face image gets qualified after quality check, it needs to be retained/stored/transmitted. The data storage/transmission format specifications should adhere to the Policy on Open Standards to ensure interoperability, vendor independence, long-term availability of data and optimal utilization of storage space, without affecting the quality of the image.

The storage of the image in normal memory devices like client /server systems or restricted memory devices like smart card would be done in the face record format as described in section 5.6.

5.5.3.1 Storage / Archival Format for Normal Memory Devices

PNG format (*compression algorithm code 5 as per table 3 of ISO 19794-4: 2005(E)*)

The example of such device is Desk top client / Server.

Note: The image should never undergo any lossy compression at any stage from the instant of capture to storage in database.

5.5.3.2 Storage Format for Restricted Memory Devices

JPEG2000 with compression ratio up to 1:15 (*compression algorithm code 4 as per table 3 of ISO 19794-4: 2005(E)*)

The examples of such devices are Smart card, mobile phones etc.

5.5.4 Transmission Format for Verification

5.5.4.1 Normal Bandwidth

PNG

¹ The usage of term JPEG 2000 in this document means JPEG2000 part- 1 (for static/still image) , or JPEG2000 Basic or JPEG2000 Core Coding System, or ISO/IEC-15444-1

5.5.4.2 Restricted Bandwidth

JPEG2000 with compression ratio up to 1:15

5.5.5 Transmission Format for Storage / Archival

5.5.5.1 For Normal Memory Devices

The face image captured during the enrolment process should be transmitted in **lossless** format (PNG/ JPEG³2000/ DNG/ TIFF/ RAW) from client system to the server for storage / archival in the standardized format for future usage.

5.5.5.2 For Restricted Memory Devices

Face image can be transmitted in JPEG2000 format with compression ratio up to 1:15.

5.6 Face Image Record Format Specifications

This is a format to store face image data within a biometric data record to cater to interoperability requirements of the face image taken by various image acquisition devices. It also stores specific information related to the face image, which would be useful in future automatic verification of face images.

CBEFF (Common Biometric Exchange Formats Framework) described in ISO 19794-5 will be adopted. This format is based on ISO 19785-1.

The Face Image Record Format is broadly structured as follows:

- a. CBEFF Header
- b. Facial Record Header
- c. Facial Record Data (Facial Information, Feature points, Image Information, Image Data)
- d. CBEFF Signature (This is optional as it is used for encrypting & digitally signing the data wherever required).

The format is described below, and for best practices *refer section 6.3*

5.6.1 CBEFF Header

A Standard Biometric Header (SBH) with values, as prescribed in ISO 19785-1 will be stored.

5.6.2 Facial Record Header

It has fixed 14 bytes length containing information about the overall record of face image like format identifier (4 bytes), version no (4 bytes), length of record (4 bytes), number of face images (2 bytes). In format Identifier, the value will be 0x464114300 ('F' 'A' 'C' 0x0), version

³ The usage of term JPEG 2000 in this document means JPEG2000 part- 1 (for static/still image) , or JPEG2000 Basic or JPEG2000 Core Coding System, or ISO/IEC-15444-1

number for this standard will be 0x30313000 ('0' '1' '0' 0x0), length of the record includes Facial Record Header and Facial Record Data. Number of face images for this standard is 1.

5.6.3 Facial Record Data

ISO 19794-5:2005(E) specifies that the Facial Record Data contains Facial Information, Feature point(s), Image Information and Image Data as detailed below:

5.6.3.1 Facial Information

The Facial Information Block of fixed 20 bytes contains fields of Facial Record Data length, Number of Feature points, and additional fields to specify gender, eye color, hair color, property mask, expression, pose angle, pose angle uncertainty. Specifying values for additional fields would be optional. In such cases, the default values would be taken as "Unspecified (Code 0x0)"

The feature points are optional in the ISO 19794-5 standard and hence their storage are not required as per this standard as only manual verification is considered here. Therefore, the value of 'Number of feature points' in the Facial Information field would be "0x0" (2 bytes). The values of facial information like gender, eye color, hair color, property mask, expression, pose angle, pose angle uncertainty will have to be entered corresponding to the captured image.

5.6.3.2 Feature Points

Since the current version of this standard caters to manual verification only, feature points are not stored.

5.6.3.3 Image Information

The value of image information like face image type, image data type, width, height, image color space, source type, device type, will have to be entered corresponding to the captured image.

5.6.3.3.1 Face Image Type

This standard will store face images in Full Frontal Image type (0x01).

5.6.3.3.2 Image Data Type

The Image Data type represents the compression formats of the stored face image.

Refer section 5.5.3 for compression types for storage of image data on different types of devices.

5.6.4 CBEFF Signature

This is optional as it is used for encrypting and digitally signing the image data, wherever required.

Note: Refer section 6.3 for CBEFF detailed structure and the prescribed values tailored to Indian e-Governance applications requirements.

6. Best Practices

The e-governance standards are intended for a variety of e-Governance application with varying degree of sensitivity and volume.

The specifications in Section 5 are broad in nature to cater to all types of e-Governance applications requirements. This Section covers recommended best practices suitable for various categories of applications.

6.1 Best Practices for Implementation of Standard Specifications

6.1.1 Device Specifications & Operational Instructions

Refer section 5.1.1 for
Source Type specifications

a. Source type: Digital camera / Web camera

- i. It should strictly meet the specifications requirements of the standard
- ii. Since the captured face images are to be archived for automatic face recognition in future, it is recommended that for enrolment, preference should be given to Digital Single Lens Reflex (DSLR) or mid range digital point-and-shoot camera


or

High end web camera (without any artifacts and fish-eye effect), where output is similar to a digital camera.

Operational Instructions

- i. Preference should be given to the use of tethered digital camera / web camera along with APIs to have direct link with computer for image transfer and on line quality check etc, while capturing the face image
- ii. The attributes of the camera should be adjusted to meet the standard specifications. Under no circumstances, zoom option of the camera should be used
- iii. The vendor should ensure appropriate lighting conditions to meet the quality requirements
- iv. In a typical enrolment setup, the camera will be connected to a computer for online checking of quality of facial image, as per the defined parameters listed in Quality Check list at section 6.2, and for conversion of the image into the desired storage formats.

Refer section 6.4 for more detailed operational instructions for acquisition of face images for enrolment /verification.

	<p>b. Source Type: Scanner</p> <p>Before scanning the photograph, one should ensure that the paper photograph to be scanned meets the standard specifications of full frontal image</p> <p>Note: Preference should be given to the use of digital camera / web camera with desirable device specifications for capturing the face images</p>
<p>6.1.2 Face Image Specifications</p>	
<p><i>Refer section 5.2.1 for</i> Face Image Type specifications</p>	<p>The full frontal images are required for human visual inspection as-well-as travel documents like Passport, Driver Licenses, identity cards etc.</p> <p>The digital camera / web camera should be positioned appropriately to ensure that specifications mentioned in Section 5.2 are met.</p>
<p><i>Refer section 5.2.3 for</i> Inter Eye Distance specifications</p>	<p>Inter eye distance specifications can be ensured by different processes such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Adjusting the distance between the person and camera ii. Manual measurement of the distance between the eyes iii. Automatic eye location and inter eye distance computation on digital face images.
<p>6.1.3 Scene Requirements</p>	
<p><i>Refer section 5.3 for</i> Scene requirements</p>	<p>Vendor to certify the quality of the face image by filling check list given in Section 6.2</p> <p><i>Refer ISO 19794-5: 20005(E) Section A.3.2.4 for more details. An illustration of acceptable quality of full frontal face image</i></p> <div data-bbox="587 1429 837 1727" style="text-align: center;">  </div>

6.1.4 Face Image Capture and Storage Requirements	
<i>Refer section 5.5 for</i> Face image capture and storage requirements	<p>For Enrolment Default face image type for storage is “Full Frontal”. However, in case of resource constraints with respect to storage space, option of storing face image using Token Frontal type can be considered.</p> <p><i>Refer section 9.2.3 of ISO 19794-4:2005(E) for detailing of token image</i></p>
6.1.5 Use of Full Frontal image for Travel Documents	
<i>Refer sections 5.2 & 5.4 for</i> face image & photograph specifications	<p>Width of face Image The width of the face image should be a minimum of 420 pixels. <i>Refer section A.3.1 of ISO 19794-5.</i></p> <p>Height of face Image The height of the face image should be a minimum of 525 pixels. <i>Refer section A.3.1 of ISO 19794-5</i></p> <p>Width to Height ratio of image It should be between 1:1.25 – 1:1.33</p> <p>Head Width The ratio of head width relative to width of the face image should be between 5:7 and 1:2.</p> <p>Head Height The head height (chin to crown portion) of the full face frontal pose should occupy 70% to 80% of the vertical height of the face image</p>
6.1.6 Use of Full Frontal image / Photograph for Identity Cards	
<i>Refer section 5.2.2 for</i> photograph specifications	<p>The printed full frontal face images are used in ID cards, passports, driving licenses and other documents.</p> <p>Note: The printing size mentioned in section 6.1.5 is recommended for consideration for standardization, which is beyond the scope of this standard.</p>

6.2 Quality Check List

Quality check list, as per the specifications & the best practices in Sections 5 and 6.1 5.

S.No.	Parameter & Prescriptive values	Yes	No
01	Visual clarity of the output image (no motion blur, no over or under exposure, no un-natural color, proper and equally distributed lighting with no shadows over the face, no shadows in eye sockets, no hot spots, no radial distortion and no fish-eye effect)		
02	Photo taken within 6-months (for enrolment)		
03	Pixel resolution for digital camera or web camera – minimum 118 ppcm(300 ppi) / Scan resolution for scanner minimum approximately 118 dpcm (300dpi)		
04	Size (width approximately 35 mm (1.4 inches) & Height 45 mm (1.75 inches)) in case of scanned photograph		
05	Outline of the shoulders Visible		
06	Showing white or light gray (18%) background color		
07	Background plain (No other objects in the background)		
08	Chin to crown clearly visible		
09	Head coverage of the person minimum 80%		
10	Neutral expression (mouth closed, eyes open)		
11	No reflection on Face		
12	Showing both edges (both ears) of the face clearly		
13	Showing the skin tones naturally		
14	Red eye correction done		
15	Inter eye distance minimum 120 pixels		
16	Looking directly at the camera		
17	Eyes open and clearly visible , and not covered with hair or any other obstacle		
18	Clearly visible eyes, in case of wearing spectacles, and no color glasses. (If applicable)		
19	Spectacles not heavy and not covering eyes (if applicable)		
20.	No accessories (Other than turban due to religious reasons, eye patches due to medical reasons supported by medical certificate, small nose ring)		

6.3 Face Image Record Format Values

Refer section 5.5 for Face image record format specifications

- a. Values in **shaded rows** are variable in nature and need to be entered on case- to **case basis**
- b. Values in other rows are fixed in nature as per ISO 19794-5:2005(E) specifications and should not be altered.

6.3.1 Facial Record Header

(Format and fixed values extracted from ISO 19794-5:2005(E))

Field	Size	Value
Format Identifier Indicates face image data	4 bytes	0x46414300 (‘F’ ‘A’ ‘C’ 0x0)
Version Number	4 bytes	0x30313000 (‘0’ ‘1’ ‘0’ 0x0)
Length of records (Including length of Facial Record Header and Facial Record Data)	4 bytes	46<Length of Record<=2 ³²⁻¹
Number of facial images	2 bytes	1

6.3.2 Facial Record Data

Prepared based on Figure 2 of ISO19794-5:2005(E)

Field	Size	Value
Facial Information	20 bytes	Details in Table at 6.3.3
Feature Point	N.A	Not stored as the standard is for manual verification only. (This is an optional block in ISO Standard)
Image Information	12 bytes	Details in table 6.3.4
Image Data	Variable	

6.3.3 Facial Information block

Field	Size	Value
Facial Record data length	4 bytes	
Number of feature Points	2 bytes	0x0 (No feature points are stored)
Gender 0x0 – Unspecified 0x01 - Male 0x02 -Female 0x0FF- Transgender (Table 3 of ISO 19794-5)	1 byte	Relevant value to be entered (0x0 would be the default value, if not filled by vendor)
Eye Color 0x0 - Unspecified 0x01 - Black 0x02 -Blue 0x03 - Brown 0x04 – Gray 0x05 – Green 0x06 – Multi-Colored 0x07 – Pink 0x08-0x0FE – Reserved 0x0FF- Other (Table 4 of ISO 19794-5)	1 byte	Relevant value to be entered (0x0 would be the default value, if not filled by vendor)
Hair Color 0x0 - Unspecified 0x01 - Bald 0x02 -Black 0x03 - Blonde 0x04 - Brown 0x05 – Gray 0x06 – White 0x07 – Red 0x08-0x0FE – Reserved 0x0FF- Other (Table 5 of ISO 19794-5)	1 byte	Relevant value to be entered (0x0 would be the default value, if not filled by vendor)
Property Mask 0-Properties are specified 1 Glasses 2 Moustache 3 Beard 4 Teeth visible 5 Blink (either or both eyes closed) 6 Mouth open 7 Left eye Patch 8 Right eye Patch	3 bytes	Relevant value to be entered

9 Dark Glasses (medical)		
10 Feature Distorting Medical condition (which could impact Feature Point detection)		
11-23 Reserved for Future definition (Table 6 of ISO 19794-5)		
Expression	2 bytes	0x01 (Neutral)
Pose Angle	3 bytes	0x0
Pose Angle Uncertainty		0x0

6.3.4 Image Information

Field	Size	Value
Face Image type	1 bytes	0x01
Image Data Type 0x0 uncompressed no bit packing 0x1 – Uncompressed bit packed 0x04 – JPEG 2000 0x02-0xFF – Reserved 0x5 - PNG (Table 3 of ISO 19794-4)	1 bytes	0x05 – PNG for storage in large memory devices /archival 0x04 – JPEG2000 with compression ratio up to 1:15 for storage in low memory devices
Width	2 bytes	Approximately 420 (in pixels)
Height	2 bytes	Approximately 525 (in pixels)
Image color space	2 byte	0x01 (24 bit RGB)
Source Type	1 byte	0x02 (Digital camera/Web cam) 0x03 (Scanner)
Device type (vendor specific captured device type ID) 0x0 Device type not specified	2 bytes	Relevant value to be entered

Quality	2 bytes	Null - Reserved for future use
Facial Image Data		- PNG for enrolment and archival, and JPEG2000 with compression ratio up to 1:15 for verification

6.4 Operational Instructions for Image Acquisition

In the typical enrolment setup, the camera will be connected to a computer for online checking of quality of facial image, as per the defined parameters listed in Quality check -list at 6.2, and conversion of the image into the desired format.

6.4.1 Process of Enrolment

6.4.1.1 Process at Client end

- a. Capture facial Image data through a digital camera /web camera connected with a computer for desired online settings as per standard specifications for acquisition of face image
- b. Do quality check of captured image online as per the standard specifications
- c. Store Facial Image data as per desired specifications along with CBEFF format details in secured manner on client machine along with demographic data of the enrolee, if available
- d. Transmit the image to the server, in its native captured format or lossless compressed format, as per the standard specifications.

6.4.1.2 Process at Server end

- a. Search the relevant record of the person on the basis of Demographic data. Manually verify enrolee's facial image, if already available on the server. In case of mismatch, flag the discrepancy for further enquiry. In case of a match, proceed further
- b. Store / Archive the Facial data of the enrolee in the prescribed format, as per standard specifications, on the server database, in case the data was not found to be on the server earlier, or an update is required.

Note: The image stored for enrolment purpose should never undergo lossy compression at any stage from the instant of capture to storage in database at server.

6.4.2 Process for Human Visual Inspection and Verification

Either visually compare the face of the person with displayed face image, already stored on server / smart card / displayed in the travel document

OR

An application may require capturing of face image in the verification stage for transmission/ record keeping /online manual inspection and verification with already stored image on server /smart card at the time of enrollment. In such cases, the face image would be captured as per standard specifications.

7. Annexure

Annexure-I Definitions and Acronyms

(Source: Various ISO Standards, ICAO Standards, Wikipedia etc.)

Acquisition

Process of accepting a biometric sample(s) in accordance with the defined policy, that is deemed suitable for creating a biometric reference or a biometric probe.

Note: In addition to capture, acquisition may include segmentation, biometrics feature extraction, quality control and other pre-processing steps.

Biometrics

[Automated] recognition of [living] persons based on observation of behavioral and biological (anatomical and physiological) characteristics.

Biometric System

An automated system capable of:

1. Capturing a biometric sample from an end user;
2. Extracting biometric data from that sample;
3. Comparing the biometric data with that contained in one or more reference templates;
4. Deciding how well they match; and
5. Indicating whether or not an identification or verification of identity has been achieved.

Biometric Data

The data representing a biometric characteristic

Note: For the purpose of this document, biometric data refers to Face Image data.

Example: Image data, behavioral data

Biometric Data Block (BDB)

Block of data with a defined format that contains one or more biometric samples or biometric templates

Biometric Sample

Data obtained from a biometric device, either directly or after processing.

Biometric Template

Biometric sample or combination of biometric samples that is suitable for storage as a reference for future comparison

Capture

The process of taking a biometric sample from an end user.

Capture Device type ID

The capture device type ID shall be a unique identifier for the type of capture device deployed to acquire a biometric sample. The capture device type ID shall be recorded in two bytes. A value

of all zeros indicates that the capture device type ID is unreported. The value “unreported” may not be allowable in some applications. The value field is determined by the vendor, possibly depending on requirements for the respective application

Chin

The central forward portion of the lower jaw

Color image

Continuous tone image that has more than one channel, each of which is coded with one or multiple bits

Color space

The way of representing colours of pixels in an image is colour space. For instance, RGB used in this document.

Crown

Top of the head, or (if obscured by hair or headwear), where the top of the head/skull would be if it could be seen

Enrolment

The process of collecting biometrics samples from a person and the subsequent preparation and storage of biometrics reference templates representing that person’s identity.

Enrolee

A human being, whose image is being captured for Enrolment / Verification

Face Image

Electronic image-based representation of the portrait of a person.

Face Image Type

A category of facial images that satisfy specific requirements.

Human (manual) examination

Process of careful human (manual) comparison of a face image with a person or another face image to ascertain the identity of the respective person by a detailed examination of facial features and structures.

Identification

The one-to-many process of comparing a submitted face image against all of the face images on database to determine whether it matches any of the templates and, if so, the identity of the person matched. The biometric system using the one-to-many approach is seeking to find an identity amongst a database rather than verify a claimed identity.

Matching

The process of comparing a biometric sample (face image) against a previously stored template and scoring the level of similarity.

One-to-many

Synonym of “Identification”.

One-to-one

Synonym of "verification".

JPEG 2000 Part-1⁴

Static/still Image compression standard specified as ISO/IEC 15444-1:2004

Feature Point

Reference point(s) in a face image as used by face recognition algorithms, commonly referred to as a landmark. Example : Position of the eyes.

Photograph

A paper photo of a full frontal face which can be used for digitization through a scanner or printed face image to be used for human visual inspection

Pixel

Picture element; element on a two-dimensional array that comprises an image.

Portrait

A photograph of a person which includes the full head, with all hair in most cases, as well as neck and top of shoulders.

Red-eye

The red glow from subject's eye caused by light from flash reflecting from blood vessels behind the retina.

Vendor

Digital camera / Web camera /Scanner manufacturer..

Abbreviated Terms

API	Application Programming Interface
BDB	Biometric Data Block
DPCM	Dots per centimeter
DPI	Dots per inch
PPCM	Pixels per centimeter
PPI	Pixels per inch
PNG	Portable Network Graphics

⁴ JPEG 2000 part- 1 (for static/still image) , or JPEG2000 Basic or JPEG2000 Core Coding System mean the same thing

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