



## Using the Timatic CLI Mainframe application

The purpose of this document is to explain to users the latest Timatic software development and Timatic structure.

Timatic has been redeveloped to ensure the consistency making it easier for check-in agents understand the responses given as the relevant information will always be displayed in the same order and place.

Newly introduced commands are described further in this document.

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## Timatic structure

### Basic Principles

The information contained in the Timatic database is retrievable by query response transactions. Three types of queries are possible:

- Full Text
- Specific Database
- Miscellaneous

### Full Text

A Full Text query returns a complete, up-to-date display of the topic requested. This topic may be defined by country and section and/or subsection (see [Full Text structure](#)).

### Specific Database

A Specific Database query returns a tailor-made response to an itinerary-specific query, based on passenger's nationality, transit, destination and embarkation points, and country (ies) visited in the past 6 days. Health information is part of the Specific Database (see [Specific Database structure](#)).

### Miscellaneous

There are also miscellaneous queries comprising of News, Rules ("Terms & Definitions"), Group lists and City/Country code tables.

## Full Text structure

Each country listing consists of seven sections, some of which have sub-sections. There are minor changes (such as to the ordering of sub-sections) compared with Timatic. The Full Text responses are returned for **TIDFT** commands, or via the Menu/Keywords.

Two subsections were removed from the Visa (VI) section: Re-Entry Permit (**RP**) and Exit Permit (**EP**). The newly added access codes for subsections appear in **bold red** below.

The sections and subsections are (section and subsection codes appear in brackets):

1. Geographical information (GE)
2. Passport (PA)
  - a. Passport Exemptions: (PT)
  - b. Document Validity: (VA)
  - c. Admission and Transit Restrictions: (RE)
  - d. Crew Members: (CR)
  - e. Military: (ML)
  - f. Additional Information: (AI)
  - g. Minors: (MI)
  - h. Warning: (WA)
  - i. Notes: (NO)
3. Visa (VI)
  - a. Visa Exemptions: (VS)
  - b. TWOV (Transit Without Visa): (TW)
  - c. Merchant Seamen: (SE)
  - d. Crew Members: (CR)
  - e. Military: (ML)
  - f. Visa Issuance: (IS)
  - g. Additional Information: (AI)
  - h. Minors: (MI)
  - i. Compulsory Currency Exchange: (CO)
  - j. Warning: (WA)
  - k. Notes: (NO)
4. Health (HE)
  - a. Exempt from Yellow Fever vaccination: (**EM**)
  - b. Recommended: (**RC**)
  - c. Warning: (**WA**)
  - d. Notes: (**NO**)
5. Tax (TX)
6. Customs (CS)
  - a. Import: (IM)
  - b. Arms and Ammunition: (**AA**)
  - c. Wild Fauna and Flora: (**WF**)
  - d. Additional Information: (**AI**)
  - e. Export: (EX)
  - f. Crew Members: (CR)
  - g. Pets: (PE)
  - h. Baggage Clearance: (BC)
  - i. Exempt: (**EM**)
  - j. Notes: (NO)
7. Currency (CY)
  - a. Import: (IM)
  - b. Export: (EX)
  - c. Notes: (NO)

### Example - Timatic Full Text response:

TIDFT/GB  
TIMATIC-3 / 17MAR08 / 1445 UTC  
ALL SECTIONS FULL TEXT FOR: UNITED KINGDOM (GREAT BRITAIN) (GB)

GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION \*\*\*\*\*

CAPITAL - LONDON (LON).

PASSPORT \*\*\*\*\*

PASSPORT REQUIRED.

#### **PASSPORT EXEMPTIONS:**

- HOLDERS OF IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED BY THE GIBRALTAR AUTHORITIES TO "BRITISH CITIZENS" AND "BRITISH OVERSEAS TERRITORIES CITIZENS". NOTE THAT THESE CARDS HAVE A RED STRIPE AND MAY BE VALID ON ARRIVAL.
  - HOLDERS OF NATIONAL ID CARDS ISSUED TO NATIONALS OF AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, BULGARIA, CYPRUS, CZECH REP., ESTONIA, FINLAND, FRANCE, GERMANY, GREECE, HUNGARY, ITALY, LATVIA, LIECHTENSTEIN, LITHUANIA, LUXEMBOURG, MALTA, MONACO, NETHERLANDS, POLAND, [...]
  - HOLDERS OF A "LAISSEZ-PASSER", WHILST TRAVELLING ON DUTY, ISSUED BY:
    - THE UNITED NATIONS;
    - THE EUROPEAN UNION.
- [...]

**New:** clear paragraph structure is preceded by Subsection **headers**

#### **DOCUMENT VALIDITY:**

- PASSPORT AND/OR PASSPORT REPLACING DOCUMENTS MUST BE VALID FOR THE PERIOD OF INTENDED STAY.
- EXPIRED BRITISH PASSPORT (NO TIME LIMIT) ENDORSED "BRITISH CITIZEN" IS ACCEPTED. [...]

**New:** paragraph indentation. Paragraphs are bulleted to aid clarity and to indicate separate information. Paragraph *numbering* removed

#### **ADMISSION AND TRANSIT RESTRICTIONS:**

- SINCE JULY 3, 2003, PASSPORTS ISSUED BY SOMALIA ARE NOT RECOGNISED. IRRESPECTIVE OF WHEN THEY WERE ISSUED.

#### **(SEE NOTE 29908)**

**NOTE 29908:** THEY ARE ONLY PERMITTED ENTRY IF HOLDING A "DECLARATION OF IDENTITY FOR VISA PURPOSES" (ALSO KNOWN AS A "FORM GV3"), ISSUED BY A BRITISH CONSULATE OR HIGH COMMISSION. IT IS A SINGLE SHEET DOCUMENT SHOWING PHOTO AND PERSONAL DETAILS. AT THE BOTTOM OF THE FORM THERE IS SPACE FOR THE APPROPRIATE VISA. THIS FORM SHOULD BE USED FOR ENTRY TO/TRANSIT THROUGH THE UNITED KINGDOM. THE FORM MUST BE ENDORSED WITH A VALID VISA.

A new system of **Notes** is introduced, showing the Note *right under* the paragraph referencing it

- AS OF JANUARY 1, 2008 THE "N" SERIES PASSPORTS ISSUED BY IRAQ AS THESE WERE CANCELLED BY THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT AND ARE THEREFORE NO LONGER BE VALID FOR TRAVEL, REGARDLESS THE DATE OF ISSUE OR EXPIRY.

#### **CREW MEMBERS:**

- OPERATIONAL CREW: PASSPORT AND CREW MEMBER IDENTIFICATION CARD REQUIRED. [...]

## Specific Database structure

Timatic returns responses for Specific Database queries in a standard format.

The following describes the way Specific Database responses are constructed:

- Specific Database responses are returned only for **TIRV**, **TIRA** and **TIRH** commands, or via the Menu (**TIFV/TIFA**).
- Only the Passport, Visa and Health sections are included in the responses, which are always formatted as defined below. None of the other Sections or sub-sections is used.
  - Passport information;
  - Visa information;
  - Health information - for requests including Health; (**TIRA/TIRH** commands).
- Only those paragraphs that apply to the request are returned.
- Unlike Full Text responses, no section headers are displayed in SD responses (e.g. "Passport" or "Visa").
  - Whereas Full Text responses always contain a section and/or subsection header (e.g. "Document Validity:"), these are not always displayed for SD responses (see: [Examples of TIMATIC Specific Database responses](#)).
- Paragraphs are bulleted to aid clarity and to indicate separate information.
  - A hyphen ("-") is used as the bullet character and is indented by one space for each level. (See: [Examples of TIMATIC Specific Database responses](#) for examples of this). Subsection headers, (if displayed) and paragraphs "Passport required." and "Visa required." are not bulleted.

### Passport information

When Timatic receives a Specific Database request, Passport section information is always displayed first, in accordance with the format outlined in [Appendix 1](#). Information from Passport subsections (if relevant) is included in the response and is displayed after the instruction "Passport required."

## Visa information

In each Timatic Specific Database request, Visa information always follows Passport information, separated by a blank line. Visa section information is displayed according to the format outlined in the [Appendix 2](#).

Timatic always returns a consistent format for Visa section information. (This is different from Timatic 2 where variable formatting and ordering was the case). There are three possible rules that will be returned from a Timatic Specific Database Visa request. They are:

1. A visa is never required; or
2. A visa is always required and there are no exemptions; or
3. A visa is required, unless a certain condition is met.

### Example 1 – A visa is **never** required:

E.g. for a French national travelling to France;

SD command: TIRV/NAFR/DEFR

Response: VISA NOT REQUIRED.

### Example 2 – A visa is **always** required and there are no exemptions:

E.g. for a Dutch national travelling to Russia;

SD command: TIRV/NANL/DERU

Response: VISA REQUIRED.

### Example 3 – A visa is required **unless** a certain condition is met:

E.g. for a US national travelling to India;

SD command: TIRV/NAUS/DEIN

Response: **VISA REQUIRED, EXCEPT FOR THOSE HOLDING A PIO (PERSON OF INDIAN ORIGIN) CARD.**

A correct interpretation of the third case is that, unless the condition is met (in this case the passenger holds a PIO card) a visa is required.

## Departure Warning

Since October 1<sup>st</sup> 2007, the US government requires all nationals departing the US to hold a (valid) passport, or certain specific passport replacing documents. Although passengers might not require a passport to enter a certain country, they will require a (valid) passport to depart the USA. Therefore a departure warning for the US has been added to those WHTI affected countries that do not require a passport.

TIRV/NAUS/DEMX  
TIMATIC-3 / 18JUN08 / 0914 UTC  
NATIONAL U.S.A. (US) /DESTINATION MEXICO (MX)

VISA DESTINATION MEXICO (MX)

..... NORMAL PASSPORTS ONLY .....

### **PASSPORT REQUIRED.**

- PASSPORT AND/OR PASSPORT REPLACING DOCUMENTS MUST BE VALID ON ARRIVAL
- **WARNING:** IF DEPARTING FROM THE U.S.A., A (VALID) PASSPORT WILL BE REQUIRED BY THE U.S. IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES. FOR FULL LISTING OF ACCEPTED DOCUMENTS TIRULES/R9

### **PASSPORT EXEMPTIONS:**

- NATIONALS OF U.S.A. HOLDING AN ORIGINAL (OR NOTARIZED COPY OF) COUNTY OR STATE-ISSUED BIRTH CERTIFICATE.
- NATIONALS OF THE U.S.A. HOLDING A VOTER'S REGISTRATION CARD.
- NATIONALS OF THE U.S.A. HOLDING AN ORIGINAL (OR A CERTIFIED COPY OF) COUNTY OR STATE-ISSUED BIRTH REGISTRATION PAPERS.
- ACCEPTED PASSPORT REPLACING DOCUMENTS ISSUED TO NATIONALS OF U.S.A. MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTO ID, TIDFT/MX/PA/PT/ID29880

VISA REQUIRED, EXCEPT FOR A STAY OF MAX. 180 DAYS, PROVIDED TRAVELLING FOR TOURISTIC PURPOSES ONLY:

VISA REQUIRED, EXCEPT FOR THOSE COMING FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES, FOR A MAX. STAY OF 30 DAYS (EXTENSION POSSIBLE) AND HOLDING A FORM FMTTV. THIS FORM CAN BE ISSUED BY TRAVEL AGENCIES, AIRLINES OR ON ARRIVAL.

### **MINORS:**

- MINORS UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE, WHEN TRAVELLING ALONE, SHOULD BE MET BY AN ADULT.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- ALL VISITORS MUST HOLD ONWARD OR RETURN TICKETS AND SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR MAINTENANCE DURING THEIR STAY IN MEXICO.
- EXCEPT FOR NATIONALS OF U.S.A. WHO CAN ENTER ON A ONE-WAY TICKET.
- PASSENGERS MUST HOLD A TOURIST CARD/FMT FORM ISSUED TO EACH PASSENGER FREE OF CHARGE BY AIRLINES, TRAVEL AGENCIES OR ON ARRIVAL. IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES MAY DECIDE THE MAX. PERIOD OF STAY ON ARRIVAL.

### **WARNING:**

- NON-COMPLIANCE WITH ENTRY REGULATIONS WILL RESULT IN FINES FOR CARRIER, TIDFT/MX/VI/WA/ID24949

A US citizen can enter Mexico with a birth certificate but will require a (valid) passport to depart the USA; hence a departure warning has been added

## Examples of TIMATIC Specific Database responses

The examples below are provided to illustrate how Timatic 3 builds responses for the Specific Database queries and to show the output format:

New formatting introduced, showing structured responses, condensed to fit terminals even with a limited number of lines

TIRV/NAES/DENL  
 TIMATIC-3 / 21MAY08 / 0948 UTC  
 NATIONAL SPAIN (ES) /DESTINATION NETHERLANDS (NL)  
 VISA DESTINATION NETHERLANDS (NL)

Passport information appears first, showing:

- validity for **all** travel documents;
- passport exemptions

..... NORMAL PASSPORTS ONLY .....

**PASSPORT REQUIRED.**

- EXPIRED PASSPORT (MAX. 5 YEARS) ISSUED TO NATIONALS OF SPAIN IS ACCEPTED.
- PASSPORT REPLACING DOCUMENTS ISSUED TO NATIONALS OF SPAIN MUST BE VALID ON ARRIVAL.

**New:** clear paragraph structure is preceded by **headers**

**PASSPORT EXEMPTIONS:**

- HOLDERS OF A NATIONAL IDENTITY CARD ISSUED TO:
- NATIONALS OF SPAIN.
- CHILDREN UP TO / INCLUDING 15 YEARS OF AGE, TRAVELLING WITH A PARENT OR GUARDIAN. [TIDFT/NL/PA/PT/ID19470](#)

VISA NOT REQUIRED.

**New:** **clickable links**, taking the user *directly* to the paragraph, eliminating the need to scroll the Full Text!

**MINORS:**

- CHILDREN UP TO / INCLUDING 15 YEARS OF AGE AND TRAVELLING WITH PARENT OR GUARDIAN, [TIDFT/NL/VI/MI/ID19672](#)

Links need only be followed if the situation is relevant

**WARNING:**

- EFFECTIVE FROM APRIL 1, 2008, UP TO/INCL. SEPTEMBER 30, 2008: AIRLINES FLYING FROM THE FOLLOWING AIRPORTS TO THE NETHERLANDS: ABUJA INTERNATIONAL, BANJUL INTERNATIONAL, CAIRO INTERNATIONAL, DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL, HAVANA JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL, HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL, ISTANBUL ATATURK, KUALA LUMPUR INTERNATIONAL, LAGOS MURTALA MUHAMMED INTERNATIONAL, MEXICO CITY INTERNATIONAL, NAIROBI JOMO KENYATTA, SAO PAULO GUARULHOS, SINGAPORE CHANGI, ST. PETERSBURG PULKOVO, TEHERAN IMAM KHOMEINI. [TIDFT/NL/VI/WA/ID31996](#)

SIMPLIFY YOUR REQUEST USE TIFA, TIFV AND TIFH  
 FULL TEXT AVAILABLE USE TIDFT  
 CHECK TINEWS/N1 - UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FINAL, MOSCOW, MAY 21, 2008

SCAN COMPLETE



TIRV/NAGB/DENZ  
TIMATIC-3 / 21MAY08 / 0942 UTC  
NATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM (GREAT BRITAIN) (GB)  
DESTINATION NEW ZEALAND (NZ)

VISA DESTINATION NEW ZEALAND (NZ)

..... NORMAL PASSPORTS ONLY .....

**PASSPORT REQUIRED.**

- PASSPORT AND PASSPORT REPLACING DOCUMENTS MUST BE VALID FOR AT LEAST 3 MONTHS BEYOND THE INTENDED STAY.

**ALL** visa exemptions applicable to the query are shown, each one of them starting with **VISA REQUIRED, EXCEPT FOR**

Paragraphs are bulleted with a hyphen to aid clarity and to indicate separate information.

**VISA REQUIRED, EXCEPT FOR** HOLDERS OF BRITISH PASSPORTS PROVIDED HOLDING:

- PASSPORT ENDORSED "BRITISH CITIZEN"(MAX. PERMITTED STAY 6 MONTHS);
- PASSPORT WHICH CLEARLY ESTABLISHES RIGHT OF ABODE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM(MAX. PERMITTED STAY 6 MONTHS);
- IN ADDITION TO THEIR PASSPORT, ALTERNATIVE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE TO ESTABLISH RIGHT OF ABODE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM,[TIDFT/NZ/VI/VS/ID27071](#)
- PASSPORT ENDORSED "BRITISH NATIONAL (OVERSEAS)"(MAX. PERMITTED STAY 3 MONTHS).

**VISA REQUIRED, EXCEPT FOR** HOLDERS OF AN APEC BUSINESS TRAVEL CARD. THE BACK OF THE CARD MUST STATE IT IS VALID FOR TRAVEL TO NEW ZEALAND.

**MINORS:**

- MINORS ENTERING NEW ZEALAND [TIDFT/NZ/PA/MI/ID18845](#)

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- ALL PASSENGERS (EXCEPT RESIDENTS OF TOKELAU) MUST OBTAIN A PERMIT TO ENTER TOKELAU [TIDFT/NZ/VI/AI/ID9503](#)
- VISITORS MUST HOLD VALID DOCUMENTS PERMITTING RE-ENTRY INTO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OR ENTRY INTO THE COUNTRY TO WHICH THEY INTEND TO PROCEED.
- ALL VISITORS MUST, ON ARRIVAL, BE ABLE TO PRODUCE ONWARD TICKETS TO A COUNTRY TO WHICH THEY CAN SHOW THEY HAVE A RIGHT OF ENTRY [TIDFT/NZ/VI/AI/ID9505](#)
- ON ARRIVAL, VISITORS WILL BE EXPECTED TO HAVE THE MEANS TO MAINTAIN THEMSELVES WHILST IN NEW ZEALAND AND [TIDFT/NZ/VI/AI/ID9506](#)

**WARNING:**

- NON-COMPLIANCE WITH VISA REQUIREMENTS WILL RESULT IN REMOVAL OF PASSENGER TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN AT CARRIER'S EXPENSE AND COULD RESULT IN PROSECUTION OF CARRIER.

SIMPLIFY YOUR REQUEST USE TIFA, TIFV AND TIFH  
FULL TEXT AVAILABLE USE TIDFT  
CHECK TINEWS/N1 - UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FINAL, MOSCOW, MAY 21, 2008

SCAN COMPLETE

Use **clickable links** only when the information applies to your passenger!

For example, if a passenger is not a Minor – you do **not** have to read [TIDFT/NZ/PA/MI/ID18845](#)

## Health information

The responses in the Health section have changed only to the extent that for clarity, headers have been introduced into the text, making responses more consistent and readable.

### Example - TIMATIC Health response:

TIRH/EMAO/DEAF  
TIMATIC-3 / 02MAY08 / 1001 UTC  
EMBARKATION ANGOLA (AO) /DESTINATION AFGHANISTAN (AF)

HEALTH DESTINATION AFGHANISTAN (AF)

VACCINATION AGAINST YELLOW FEVER REQUIRED, IF ARRIVING WITHIN  
6 DAYS AFTER LEAVING OR TRANSITING COUNTRIES WITH INFECTED  
AREAS.

**New:** clear paragraph structure is preceded by **headers**

**EXEMPT FROM YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION:**

- THOSE NOT LEAVING THE AIRPORT IN THE YELLOW FEVER INFECTED COUNTRIES.
- TRANSIT PASSENGERS NOT LEAVING THE AIRPORT IN AFGHANISTAN.

**New:** paragraph indentation. Paragraphs are bulleted to aid clarity and to indicate separate information. Paragraph *numbering* removed

**RECOMMENDED:**

- MALARIA PROPHYLAXIS. MALARIA RISK - P. VIVAX AND P. FALCIPARUM - EXISTS FROM MAY THROUGH NOVEMBER BELOW 2000 METERS. P. FALCIPARUM RESISTANT TO CHLOROQUINE AND SULFADOXINE-PYRIMETHAMINE REPORTED. RECOMMENDED PREVENTION:  
IV.

SIMPLIFY YOUR REQUEST USE TIFA, TIFV AND TIFH  
FULL TEXT AVAILABLE USE TIDFT  
CHECK TINEWS/N1 - AUSTRIA TO TEMPORARILY REINSTATE PASSPORT CONTROL WITH THE OTHER SCHENGEN MEMBER STATES

SCAN COMPLETE  
=>

## Miscellaneous queries

### TIRULES: Timatic Rules

When executing a TIRULES command, the user will be presented with an overview of the paragraphs containing “Rules, Terms & Definitions” of Timatic

In Timatic the numbering convention has been changed to allow for three digit rules. This gives more flexibility and structuring of rules information (e.g. TIRULES/R211).

Importantly, the ordering of Rules in Timatic is dynamic, depending on the changes and additions that are made.

```
TIRULES
TIMATIC-3 / 02JUN08 / 1010 UTC
RULES
```

#### RULES, TERMS & DEFINITIONS INDEX

```
.....
R0 - TIMATIC CONTACT INFORMATION      TIRULES/R0
R1 - DOCUMENT GROUPS                  TIRULES/R1
R2 - PASSPORT                          TIRULES/R2
R3 - VISA                               TIRULES/R3
R4 - HEALTH                            TIRULES/R4
R5 - AIRPORT TAX                       TIRULES/R5
R6 - CUSTOMS                           TIRULES/R6
R7 - CURRENCY                           TIRULES/R7
R8 - DEFINITIONS OF INTERNATIONAL
    ORGANISATIONS                      TIRULES/R8
```

**New:** dynamic numbering of the menus

USE APPLICABLE CODE FOR SELECTED DETAILS

CHECK TINEWS/N1 - AUSTRIA TO TEMPORARILY REINSTATE PASSPORT CONTROL WITH THE OTHER SCHENGEN MEMBER STATES

TEXT DISPLAY COMPLETE

=>

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TIRULES/R2  
TIMATIC-3 / 02JUN08 / 1018 UTC  
RULES

R2)                   PASSPORT INDEX  
                          .....

R20 - DOCUMENTS CHECK	TIRULES/R20
R21 - GENERAL INFORMATION	TIRULES/R21
R22 - PASSPORT TYPES AND OTHER TRAVEL DOCUMENTS	TIRULES/R22
R23 - DOCUMENT VALIDITY	TIRULES/R23
[...]	
<b>R210</b> - CHINA (PEOPLE'S REP.) TRAVEL DOCUMENTS	<b>TIRULES/R210</b>
<b>R211</b> - PALESTINIAN PASSPORTS	<b>TIRULES/R211</b>

**New:** the numbering increased to more than two digits (max. three)

USE APPLICABLE CODE FOR SELECTED DETAILS

CHECK TINEWS/N1 - AUSTRIA TO TEMPORARILY REINSTATE PASSPORT CONTROL WITH THE OTHER SCHENGEN MEMBER STATES

TEXT DISPLAY COMPLETE  
=>

## TIRGL: Timatic Groups

When executing a TIRGL command, the user will be presented with an overview of groups in Timatic. In addition to already existing groups in Timatic, new groups containing four letters (appearing in **red** and **bold** below) have been introduced.

```
TIRGL
TIMATIC-3 / 03JUN08 / 1318 UTC

TIRGL/YFAF - AFRICAN YELLOW FEVER ENDEMIC AREAS
TIRGL/ARAB - ARAB LEAGUE
TIRGL/APEC - ASIA PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION
TIRGL/ASEA - ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS
TIRGL/CARI - CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY
TIRGL/CHOL - CHOLERA INFECTED AREAS
TIRGL/CIS - COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES
TIRGL/CITE - CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED
SPECIES (CITES)
TIRGL/ECOW - ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES
TIRGL/EEA - EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA
TIRGL/ENID - EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA NATIONAL ID CARD ISSUING
STATES
TIRGL/EFTA - EUROPEAN FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION
TIRGL/EEU - EUROPEAN UNION MEMBER STATES
TIRGL/GCC - GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL
TIRGL/COMM - INDEPENDENT COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES
TIRGL/ILO1 - INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION ILO 108
TIRGL/ILO2 - INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION ILO 22
TIRGL/MALA - MALARIOUS AREAS
TIRGL/NATO - NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION
TIRGL/OECD - ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND
DEVELOPMENT
TIRGL/OAS - ORGANISATION OF AMERICAN STATES
TIRGL/PLAG - PLAGUE INFECTED AREAS
TIRGL/SCHN - SCHENGEN STATES
TIRGL/NZEA - TERRITORIES ASSOCIATED WITH NEW ZEALAND
TIRGL/AUST - TERRITORIES DEPENDENT ON AUSTRALIA
TIRGL/FRAN - TERRITORIES DEPENDENT ON FRANCE.
TIRGL/BRIT - TERRITORIES DEPENDENT ON THE UNITED KINGDOM
TIRGL/NETH - TERRITORIES UNDER ADMINISTRATION OF THE
NETHERLANDS
TIRGL/USAD - TERRITORIES UNDER ADMINISTRATION OF THE U.S.A.
TIRGL/YFEN - YELLOW FEVER ENDEMIC AREAS
TIRGL/YFIN - YELLOW FEVER INFECTED AREAS

CHECK TINEWS/N1 - AUSTRIA TO TEMPORARILY REINSTATE BORDER
CONTROL WITH THE OTHER SCHENGEN MEMBER STATES
END GROUP LIST
=>
```

## Links: Improved in TIMATIC Specific Database

Timatic makes use of links to refer to additional information that might, in certain cases, be relevant to a particular query.

Timatic groups link information closely within the relevant section or subsection. In addition, a link takes the user *directly* to the paragraph referenced, eliminating the need to review text to reach a certain paragraph. Timatic also makes more widespread use of links to ensure that the most concise and relevant information is displayed.

Links can be present in any sections or subsection of Timatic 3. The user can simply “click” on the link to view the relevant information. For examples of links, see [Examples of TIMATIC Specific Database responses](#)

It should be noted that it is **not** necessary to follow (view) the link if it does not apply to the traveller. For example, if there’s a link appearing in subsection Minors, the user only needs to follow it when dealing with Minors. The use of links saves the user valuable time by only having to read the most relevant information and only having to follow the link in the specific cases.

## **NEW: TIBACK Command**

A new command, **TIBACK** is introduced in Timatic the purpose of the TIBACK command is to allow a user to navigate back to the results of the previous TIMATIC command, if required.

TIBACK is functional system wide and when entered will execute the command before last (executed by the same user in that session).

Please note: it is only possible to use the TIBACK command after previously executing at least two commands in a session.

The main benefit of TIBACK is that it allows a user who has followed a [link](#) to go back to the previous page viewed if they wish.

For example, looking at the TIRV/NAES/DENL command in the [example](#) on page 10, we see a link to information regarding minors ([TIDFT/NL/PA/PT/ID19470](#)). If the user decides to use the link, then, after viewing the information about minors, use of the TIBACK command will take the user back to the previous page. i.e. TIRV/NAES/DENL.

More examples of TIBACK can be found in [Appendix 3](#).

## Appendix 1

### Passport section format

When TIMATIC receives a Specific Database request, Passport section information is always displayed first, in accordance with the format below.

Subsection	Formatting Rules
Document Validity:	Header is not displayed.
Passport Exemptions:	Header is displayed.
Admission and Transit Restrictions	Header is displayed.
Minors:	The paragraphs from this subsection are displayed in the Minors subsection, appearing underneath the body text of the Visa section. The text of the paragraphs in Minors subsection of the Passport section appear first, followed by the paragraphs of the Minors subsection of the Visa section. The header is displayed.
Additional Information:	The paragraphs from this subsection are displayed in the Additional Information (AI) subsection, appearing under the body text of the Visa section. The text of the paragraphs in AI subsection of the Passport section appear first, followed by the paragraphs of the AI subsection of the Visa section. The header is displayed.
Warning:	The paragraphs from this subsection are displayed in the Warning subsection, appearing underneath the body text of the Visa section. The text of the paragraphs in Warning subsection of the Passport section appear first, followed by the paragraphs of the Warning subsection of the Visa section. The header is displayed.



## Appendix 2

### Visa section format

Visa section information is displayed according to the format below.

Subsection	Formatting Rules
Visa Exemptions:	Header is not displayed.
TWOV (Transit Without Visa)	Header is displayed.
Merchant Seamen:	Header is not displayed.
Visa Issuance:	Header is displayed.
Compulsory Currency Exchange:	Header is displayed.
Minors:	Header is displayed. (Information from Passport and Visa sections is merged under one header; see above)
Additional Information:	Header is displayed. (AI from the Passport section is displayed first, followed by the AI from the Visa section and merged under one header; see above)
Warning:	Header is displayed. (Warning from the Passport section is displayed first, followed by the Warning from the Visa section and merged under one header; see above)

### Appendix 3

#### TIBACK Example 1

A Somali minor is travelling with his parents and an agent would like to have more information:

#### TIRV/NASO/DEGB

TIMATIC-3 / 18JUN08 / 1038 UTC  
NATIONAL SOMALIA (SO)  
DESTINATION UNITED KINGDOM (GREAT BRITAIN) (GB)

VISA DESTINATION UNITED KINGDOM (GREAT BRITAIN) (GB)

..... NORMAL PASSPORTS ONLY .....  
PASSPORT REQUIRED.

- PASSPORT AND/OR PASSPORT REPLACING DOCUMENTS MUST BE VALID FOR THE PERIOD OF INTENDED STAY.

ADMISSION AND TRANSIT RESTRICTIONS:

- SINCE JULY 3, 2003, PASSPORTS ISSUED BY SOMALIA ARE NOT RECOGNISED, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHEN THEY WERE ISSUED. (SEE NOTE 29908)

NOTE 29908: THEY ARE ONLY PERMITTED ENTRY IF HOLDING A "DECLARATION OF IDENTITY FOR VISA PURPOSES" (ALSO KNOWN AS A "FORM GV3"), ISSUED BY A BRITISH CONSULATE OR HIGH COMMISSION. IT IS A SINGLE SHEET DOCUMENT SHOWING PHOTO AND PERSONAL DETAILS. AT THE BOTTOM OF THE FORM THERE IS SPACE FOR THE APPROPRIATE VISA. THIS FORM SHOULD BE USED FOR ENTRY TO/TRANSIT THROUGH THE UNITED KINGDOM. THE FORM MUST BE ENDORSED WITH A VALID VISA.

VISA REQUIRED.

If the agent now clicks the link...

#### MINORS:

- WHEN THEIR NAMES ARE REGISTERED IN THE PASSPORT OF (ONE OF) THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS, TIDFT/GB/PA/MI/ID17270  
- CHILDREN MUST ALSO COMPLY WITH THE ENTRY OR TRANSIT REGULATIONS. **TIDFT/GB/VI/MI/ID14075**

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- FLIGHTS FROM UNITED KINGDOM TO CHANNEL ISLANDS, IRELAND (REP. OF) AND ISLE OF MAN ARE DOMESTIC FLIGHTS. THEREFORE PASSPORTS ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR ANY NATIONALITY.

- ALTHOUGH THE UNITED KINGDOM WILL NO LONGER RECOGNISE PASSPORTS ISSUED BY SOMALIA, VALID VISAS WILL STILL BE HONoured IN SOMALI  
PASSPORT ENGINERS WHOSE  
LAST PERM THAN SIX MONTHS  
AND IS STILL ONAL  
GOVERNMENT

WARNING:

The next screen will show the information as in **TIDFT/GB/VI/MI/ID14075** on minors

TIPN, or page down, will show the next page of information on **TIDFT/GB/VI/MI/ID14075**

Repeat until all the text has been read or until you deem necessary.

When entering **TIBACK**, the command will take the user back to the original **TIRV/NASO/DEGB** command

## TIBACK Example 2

### TIRV/NAUS/DEAF

TIMATIC-3 / 18JUN08 / 1233 UTC  
NATIONAL U.S.A. (US) /DESTINATION AFGHANISTAN (AF)

VISA DESTINATION AFGHANISTAN (AF)

..... NORMAL PASSPORTS ONLY .....

PASSPORT REQUIRED.

- PASSPORT AND/OR PASSPORT REPLACING DOCUMENTS MUST BE VALID ON ARRIVAL.

VISA REQUIRED.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- VISA NOT REQUIRED FOR THOSE, IRRESPECTIVE OF NATIONALITY, WHO ARE BORN:
  - IN AFGHANISTAN;
  - TO PARENTS WHO ARE NATIONALS OF AFGHANISTAN;
  - TO PARENTS WHO ARE BORN IN AFGHANISTAN BUT ARE NOT NATIONALS OF AFGHANISTAN.
- VISITORS MUST HOLD RETURN OR ONWARD TICKETS AND ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THEIR NEXT DESTINATION AND SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR THEIR MAINTENANCE.
- WOMEN OF ALL NATIONALITIES **TIDFT/AF/VI/AI/ID35**
- TOURISTS AND JOURNALISTS ARE ADVISED TO REPORT ON ARRIVAL TO THE TOURIST BUREAU, PRESS DEPARTMENT, KABUL.
- ALIEN RESIDENTS AND TOURISTS WHOSE VISA HAS BEEN EXTENDED

If the passenger is a woman, the following link could be selected

If the agent now selects the link (**TIDFT/AF/VI/AI/ID35**) the following information will be displayed:

### =>TIDFT/AF/VI/AI/ID35

TIMATIC-3 / 18JUN08 / 1233 UTC  
VISA FULL TEXT FOR: AFGHANISTAN (AF)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- WOMEN OF ALL NATIONALITIES SHOULD COVER THEIR BODY WITH CLOTHING, EXCEPT FOR THE FACE, HANDS AND FEET, DURING THEIR STAY IN AFGHANISTAN.

If the agent wishes to return to the earlier entry that command does not need to be repeated because entering **TIBACK** will return to the original command:

### TIRV/NAUS/DEAF

TIMATIC-3 / 18JUN08 / 1233 UTC  
NATIONAL U.S.A. (US) /DESTINATION AFGHANISTAN (AF)

VISA DESTINATION AFGHANISTAN (AF)

..... NORMAL PASSPORTS ONLY .....

PASSPORT REQUIRED.

- PASSPORT AND/OR PASSPORT REPLACING DOCUMENTS MUST BE VALID ON ARRIVAL.

VISA REQUIRED.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- VISA NOT REQUIRED FOR THOSE, IRRESPECTIVE OF NATIONALITY, WHO ARE BORN:

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