



News Release

Secure Processes to Protect against Passport Fraud

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Highly secure solutions to protect the personalization of travel documents as well as other security-relevant applications and processes are the basis for the commercial success of SAFE ID Solutions AG in Munich, Germany. The ongoing debate on the security of travel documents, reignited last week by the so-called news about cloned passport chips, underlines once again the validity of SAFE ID'S business model.

Public concern emerged over the news on so-called security flaws in next-generation electronic passports that enable sensitive personal information to be easily copied. The described process, however, did not circumvent any security hurdles but only copied read-out chip data onto a second device. "First of all, this is nothing new; secondly, it is also not very dramatic as long as the data cannot be further manipulated or as long as established processes recognize this manipulation," says Hans Peter Kraus, security expert at SAFE ID Solutions AG in Munich. "It is of prime importance to prevent persons with falsified passports, i.e. ones not corresponding to their true identity, from travelling", adds Kraus.

According to SAFE ID, it is almost impossible to completely prevent falsification of individual components in a total system, such as the chip in a passport. A component like a passport chip is thus nothing more than an additional security element in a total solution. The true goal needs to be an intelligent combination of individual components as well as the additional security of individual process chains in the document creation environment, the overall heightening of security levels and sealing off the entire system to prevent fraud. With respect to secure travel documents this starts with production and registration of the individual components (Passport Booklet, Chip, RFID Antenna) and continues with secure personalization of the documents for specific individuals and their personal biometric characteristics. A secure overall process needs to include the proper control of the document during its entire life-cycle (e.g. at border crossings).

With its "PerSoSuite" software, SAFE ID Solutions AG focuses on securing processes during the personalization of travel documents, independent of whether this is done in central or remote locations (e.g. embassies). The company thus offers a well structured, secure concept that is already being deployed in a number of countries.

About SAFE ID Solutions AG

SAFE ID Solutions AG provides integrated security solutions to the global ID market to increase security and convenience in the issuance and personalization process. The company focuses on providing a personalization software solution and producing inkjet-based personalization systems to ensure the seamless introduction and management of new-generation ID documents – such as ePassports – based on RFID technology. SAFE ID has customer references in over 25 countries.

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