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<b>1. A set of rules and regulations that provide sanctions for the production, sale, and use of fraudulent documents</b>		
Should be precise in specifying:		
(i.) What constitutes document fraud; and		
(ii.) What the sanctions are for producing, selling or using fraudulent documents		
Supports inspectors, investigators and prosecutors in apprehending and taking action against fraudulent document producers, vendors and users.		
Promotes business facilitation, as well as maintains border integrity.		

<b>2. Informed and well-trained inspectors who can quickly evaluate key document security features and detect fraudulent documents</b>		
Inspectors should receive initial and refresher training in the following areas:		
(i.) Document examination techniques		
(ii.) Travel document security features		
(iii.) Counterfeiting techniques		
(iv.) Alteration techniques		
(v.) Use of specialised equipment		
(vi.) Local trends in fraudulent documents		
(vii.) Passenger assessment		
(viii.) Identifying impostors		
An established internal process to disseminate new information on document fraud trends.		
Samples available of both genuine and fraudulent documents to help inspectors recognise security features and identify fraud.		

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3. Specialized document examination equipment to assist the inspector in identifying genuine and fraudulent travel documents		
(i.) Ultra-violet and infra-red viewing equipment		
(ii.) Magnifying devices		
(iii.) Retro-Reflective viewing devices		
(iv.) High-Intensity Light		
(v.) Image transmission systems		
(vi.) Machine readable document readers		
(vii.) Camera equipment		
(viii.) Admission stamps and security ink		
(ix.) Fingerprinting processes		

4. Access to forensic document expertise and document intelligence information to ensure that sophisticated fraud can be detected		
<p>Border inspectors should have access to a cadre of individuals with expertise in the various types of fraudulent documents (counterfeits, photo and page substitutions, alterations, etc.), eg. a forensic document centre. Such a forensic document centre could perform the following functions:</p>		
(i.) Provide trend information on trends regarding fraudulent documents.		
(ii.) Prepare and distribute document intelligence alerts to field personnel.		
(iii.) Maintain an extensive library of exemplars of visas, passports and vital statistical documents (eg. birth certificates) to compare with suspect documents.		
(iv.) Provide technical advice and assistance in developing major cases involving fraudulent documents and also serve as expert witnesses in judicial proceedings.		

5. An automated document identification system to provide up-to-date information concerning the security features of legitimate travel documents		