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Subject: FW: Travel document in lieu of national passport issued by Israel

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The reason for your (repeated) questions (e.g. your e-mail of 20 January 2014) about the “Travel document in lieu of national passport” issued by Israel is of course, that it is a special travel document. The status of this document has been a little unclear and also changeable within the Schengen Member States.

However the situation now seems more clear. If you click the following link to the EU-Commissions website (updated on 5 February 2014 – and will in the future be updated on a regular basis):

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/borders-and-visas/document-security/index_en.htm

and choose “Travel documents issued by third countries and territorial entities (Part I)” – Israel, you will see, that Denmark and most Schengen Member States recognize “Travel document in lieu of national passport” issued by Israel.

In a footnote (footnote 3) to this travel document the following is indicated:

“3 Issued to people on their way to become Israeli citizens and Israelis who have lost their passport more than twice.”

As you mention in your e-mail citizens from some third countries are exempted from the visa requirement to Schengen Member States. Citizens from Israel do for instance not need a visa in order to enter the Schengen States. In other words if the holder of the “Travel document in lieu of national passport” is a Israeli citizens he or she may enter without a visa.

If the holder of the travel document is a citizen of a country whose nationals are subject to a visa requirement he or she will need a visa in order to enter Denmark (and the Schengen Area).

Kind regards
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