

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Subject: Extension of timeline for handwritten travel document/PIO card beyond 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2019.**

This is in continuation of this Mission's Public Notice dated 08<sup>th</sup> October 2018 on the above subject matter.

This is to bring to notice of all concerned that it has been decided by the competent authority that the Bureau of Immigration (BoI) will accept PIO cards as valid travel document **till 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019** along with valid foreign passport and the Indian Immigration Check Post(s) will continue to consider all PIO cards valid for exit/entry into India till 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

This extension of timeline is subject to the condition that if in the meantime any deadline is notified by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) thereby making hand-written PIO cards invalid then PIO cardholders may have to obtain appropriate visa from Indian Missions/Posts abroad.

It is again reiterated that all PIO card holders should apply for conversion to OCI card at the earliest.

**Brussels**  
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