

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Subject: Advisory For PIO/OCI Card Holders

All concerned are, hereby, informed that the MHA vide Circular No. 26011/06/2015-OCI dated 29.01.2015 had dispensed with the requirement of '**U**' **Visa OCI STICKER** and made **OCI Card in the form of Booklet** a valid document for travel to India. Therefore, all concerned are requested to carry a valid **OCI CARD in the form of Booklet** issued to them without '**U**' **Visa OCI Sticker** while travelling to India.

2. ALL PIO Card holders are, hereby, informed that MHA, vide Circular No. 26011/06/2015-OCI(Vol.III) dated 22.09.2017 had clarified that after **30.09.2018** the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) will accept **only Machine Readable Travel Documents**. Hence, existing handwritten PIO Cards will, therefore, become invalid after 30.09.2018. Therefore, all concerned are requested to obtain **Machine Readable OCI Cards** in lieu of existing hand-written PIO Cards before 30.09.2018 to avoid any inconvenience.