China: The procedure to be followed when obtaining a replacement passport in Tianjin; the "G-series" passport (2004 - 2005)

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In 22 December 2005 correspondence to the Research Directorate, a representative with the Canadian embassy in Beijing stated that procedures for obtaining a replacement passport in China may vary from place to place. The embassy could not provide information specifically on procedures in Tianjin (Canada 22 Dec. 2005).

Regarding the "G-series" passport, the embassy representative indicated that the alpha prefix "G" in a nine-digit serial number on a passport denotes an ordinary, or G-series, passport, introduced in June 2000 (ibid.). According to a 2 April 2002 Beijing Youth Daily article, there are four types of passports issued by the Chinese government: diplomatic passport, service passport, passport for travel to Hong Kong and Macao special administrative regions, and ordinary passport. The article also stated that two types of ordinary passports exist: a passport for personal affairs, and a passport for public affairs, the latter of which was issued to officials in the local governments or in state-owned enterprises going abroad on business (Beijing Youth Daily 2 Apr. 2002; see also China Daily 2 Apr. 2002). However, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs indicated that the passport for public affairs would be abolished (ibid.; Beijing Youth Daily 2 Apr. 2002), though it did not indicate a time frame for this to take place.

Further information regarding the procedure to be followed when obtaining a replacement passport or regarding the G-series passport could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection. Please find below the list of additional sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

References


Additional Sources Consulted

The Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Ottawa did not provide information within the time
constraints of this Response.

**Internet sites, including:** China Internet Information Center, Factiva, Government of China Web Portal, United Kingdom Home Office.

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