

EN

EN

EN

Information

Information pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 of 15 March 2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement ⁽¹⁾

This publication is based on information communicated by the Member States to the Commission in accordance with Article 5 of the Regulation as at 31/10/2011 ⁽²⁾.

Notifications since 25.07.2011 (changes are inserted in the tables below):

Notified on	By	For	In section N°	Change	Applicable from
04.04.11	Portugal	Turkey	1.1.	S+SP	30.03.11
04.04.11	Portugal	UAE	1.1.	D	26.03.11
25.07.11	Italy	Azerbaijan	1.1	D+S	13.08.11
26.07.11	Switzerland	Palau	1.1	D+S	14.08.11
29.08.11	Bulgaria	Kuwait	1.1	D+SP	01.09.11
09.09.11	Portugal	Peru	1.1	D+SP	10.07.11
09.09.11	Malta	Libya	1.1.	Suspension of visa waiver for D+S+SP	23.08.11
03.10.11	Lithuania	Philippines	1.1	D+S	Applicable
13.10.11	Portugal	Bolivia	1.1	D+S+SP	19.06.11
13.10.11	Portugal	Qatar	1.1	D	19.06.11
31.10.11	Austria	Azerbaijan	1.1	D+S	23.12.10
31.10.11	Austria	UAE	1.1	D+SP	02.02.10

¹ OJ L 81, 21.3.2001, p. 1.

² In accordance with Article 1 of the protocol on the position of Ireland and the United Kingdom annexed to the Treaty on the European Union and to the European Community Treaty and without prejudice to Article 4 thereof, Ireland and the United Kingdom do not apply Council Regulation (EC) No 539/2001.

Notified on	By	For	In section N°	Change	Applicable from
31.10.11	Austria	Indonesia	1.1	D+S	26.10.08
31.10.11	Austria	Civilian crew members on international inland waterways	1.2.3.	Danube	
31.10.11	Austria	Persons subject to the visa requirement when carrying out a paid activity during their stay.	4	Mauritius + change in the comments	

NB- The Portuguese notifications of 04.04.11 had not been incorporated in the last revision of the table.

1. Exemptions from the visa requirement by virtue of Article 4(1)

1.1. The visa requirement is waived for the following categories of persons originating in the countries indicated in the left-hand column:

D = holders of diplomatic passports

S = holders of service passports/official passports

SP = holders of special passports.

	BNL (1)	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	IS	NO	CH
AFGHANISTAN																										
ALBANIA (20)	D(2)	D(2)S	D(2)	D(3)	D(2)	D(2)	D(2)S	D(2)S	D(2)	D(2)	D(2)	D(2)	D(2)	D(2)S	D(2)	D(2)S	D(2)S	D(2)	D(2)	D(2)S	D(2)S	D(2)	D(2)		D(4)	D
ALGERIA					D		DS	DS	D	DS				D	DS			DS+	D		DS					DS

	BNL (1)	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	IS	NO	CH
																		SP								
ANGOLA															D			DS								
ARMENIA		D				D			D		DS	DS	D	DS			D		DS	D	DS					
AZERBAIJAN		DS				D			D	DS				DS	D	DS			DS	D	DS					
BAHRAIN									DS						D											
BANGLADESH																										
BELARUS														DS	D		D(5)		DS(5)		DS					
BELIZE															D	D										
BENIN									D	DS								DS								
BHUTAN																										
BOLIVIA	DS		DS	DS	DS	DS	DS	DS	DS	DS						DS		DS+SP	DS	DS	DS	DS	DS		DS	DS+SP
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA (21)	D(2)	D(2)S	D(2)	D(6)	D(2)	D(2)	D(2)	D(2) _S	D(2)	D(2)	D(2)	D(2)	D(2)	D(2) _S	D(2)	D(2)	D(2)	D(2)	D(2) _{S(5)}	D(2) _S	D(2) _S	D(2)	D(2)		D7	D(15)
BOTSWANA										DS																
BURKINA FASO										DS																
BURUNDI																										
CAMBODIA														DS	D						DS+SP					
CAMEROON																										
CAPE VERDE																		DS								
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC																			DS							
CHAD	D				DS																					
CHINA (PR)		DS(5)									DS		DS	DS	DS		DS		DS	DS	DS+SP					

	BNL (1)	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	IS	NO	CH	
COLOMBIA			DS		DS			DS	DS	DS	DS			DS	DS				DS		DS						DS+SP
COMOROS																											
CONGO									D(23)										DS								
CONGO (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF)																											
COTE D'IVOIRE																DS											
CUBA											DS			DS	D					DS							DS
DJIBOUTI																											
DOMINICA										DS																	
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC									DS	DS																	DS+SP
ECUADOR	DS							DS	DS	DS					D	DS	DS+SP		DS+SP	D							DS+SP
EGYPT			DS+SP	DS						DS+SP	DS+SP			D	DS					DS	DS+SP						
EQUATORIAL GUINEA																											
ERITREA																											
ETHIOPIA																											
FIJI																											
FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA (16)	D(2)	D(2)S	D(2)		D(2)	D(2)S	D(2)S	D(2)S	D(2)	D(2)S	D(2)	D(2)	D(2)	D(2)S	D(2)S	D(2)S	D(2)	D(2)	D(2)S	D(2)S	D(2)S	D(2)	D(2)S		DS		DS+SP
GABON									DS																		
GAMBIA										DS					D												
GEORGIA	D(2)	D	D(2)		D(2)	D	D(2)	D(2)	D(2)	D(2)	DS	D(2)	DS	DS	D	D(2)	D(2)	D(2)	DS	D(2)	DS	D(2)	D(2)				
GHANA					DS										D				DS								

	BNL (1)	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	IS	NO	CH
GRENADA																										
GUINEA															D				DS							
GUINEA-BISSAU																										
GUYANA										DS					D											DS
HAITI																										
INDIA		DS		DS	D						DS			DS	D				D							
INDONESIA	DS														D	DS(5)					DS					DS
IRAN		DS(5)												D	D		D(5)		D							D
IRAQ																										
JAMAICA	DS				D										D	DS				D						DS
JORDAN															D				D		DS					
KAZAKHSTAN				D		D		D	D	D				DS	D		D		D	D	DS					
KENYA					D										D											
KIRIBATI																										
KOREA (NORTH)		DS																								
KUWAIT		D+SP							DS ³	D+SP					D+SP											
KYRGYZSTAN														DS	D				DS		D					
LAOS			DS											DS			DS				DS+SP					
LEBANON											DS+SP				D											

³ Agreement suspended as from 27 April 2011.

	BNL (1)	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	IS	NO	CH
LESOTHO										DS					D											
LIBERIA																										
LIBYA										DS					DS+ SP ⁴					DS ⁵						
MADAGASCAR																										
MALAWI	DS				D																					
MALDIVES															D	DS				D						
MALI															D											
MARSHALL ISLANDS															D											
MAURITANIA										DS					D				DS							
MICRONESIA																										
MOLDOVA	D(2) S	D(2)S	D(2))		D(2)	D (2)S	D(2)	D(2)	D(2)	D(2)	D(2) S	D(2)	D(2)	D(2) S	D(2)	D(2)	D(2)	D(2)	D(2) S	D(2)	D(2) S	D(2)	D(2)			DS (19)
MONGOLIA		DS(5)	DS											DS	D				DS		DS					
MONTENEGRO (16)	D(2) S	D(2)S	D(2))	D (8)	D(2)	D(2)	D(2) S	D(2)	D(2)	D(2) S	D(2) S	D(2)	D(2)	D(2) S	D(2) S	D(2) S	D(2)	D(2)	D(2) S	D(2) S	D(2) S	D(2)	D(2)			
MOROCCO	DS+ SP (9)	DS	DS +S P	DS	D	DS	DS	D	D	DS			D	DS	D	DS	DS	DS	DS	DS	DS+ SP	D	D		DS+ SP	DS+ SP
MOZAMBIQUE																		DS								
MYANMAR																										
NAMIBIA					D				D						D											DS+ SP
NAURU																										

⁴ Agreement suspended as from 23 August 2011

⁵ Agreement suspended as from 4 March 2011

	BNL (1)	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	IS	NO	CH	
NEPAL															D												
NIGER										DS																	
NIGERIA															D												
OMAN									DS+SP						D											DS	
PAKISTAN	D		DS	DS	D		D								D	DS			DS(5)		DS	DS		DS	DS		
PALAU																										DS+SP	
PAPUA NEW GUINEA																											
PERU	D+S P	DS	DS+S P	DS	D	D+S P	D+S P	D+S P	D+S P	DS		D+ SP		D+S P	D	DS	DS	D+S P	D+ SP	DS	DS+S P	DS	DS				DS+S P
PHILIPPINES			DS	DS	DS	DS	DS	DS		DS			DS	DS	D	DS	DS		DS	DS	DS	DS	DS		DS+S P	DS	
QATAR									D+S P						D			D									
RUSSIA	D(2)	D(2) S	D(2))	D(13)	D(2)	D(2)	D(2)	D(2)	D(2)	D(2)	D(2) S	D(2)	D(2)	D(2) S	D(2)	D(2)	D(2)	D(2)	D(2) S	D(2)	D(2) S	D(2)	D(2)			D(10))	(18)
RWANDA																											
SAINT LUCIA																											
SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES																											
SAMOA															D												
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE																		DS	DS								
SAUDI ARABIA									D						D												
SENEGAL	D							D	D						D				DS								
SERBIA (17)	D(2) S	D(2)S	D(2))	D(11)	D(2)	D(2)	D(2) S	D(2) S	D(2)	D(2) S	D(2) S	D(2)	D(2)	D(2) S	D(2) S	D(2) S	D(2)	D(2)	D(2) S	D(2) S	D(2) S	D(2)	D(2)				DS
SIERRA LEONE															D				DS								

	BNL (1)	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	IS	NO	CH
SOLOMON ISLANDS																										
SOMALIA																										
SOUTH AFRICA		DS	DS		D		DS		DS					DS	DS	DS	DS	DS	DS	DS	DS			DS	DS	DS
SRI LANKA															D											
SUDAN															D											
SURINAME																										
SWAZILAND										DS				D	D											
SYRIA											DS				D											
TAJIKISTAN														DS					DS							
TANZANIA																			DS							
THAILAND	DS		DS	DS	DS			D	D	DS				DS	D	DS	DS		DS	DS	DS	DS	DS		DS	DS+SP
TIMOR-LESTE															D											
TOGO										DS																
TONGA																										
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO																DS										
TUNISIA	DS+SP		DS+SP	D	D		DS	D+SP	D+SP	DS				DS	DS+SP	DS	DS	DS	DS	DS	DS+SP	D	D		D	DS+SP
TURKEY	DS+SP	DS(5)	DS+SP	DS+SP	DS+SP	DS+SP	DS+SP	DS+SP	DS+SP	DS+SP		DS+SP	DS+SP	DS+SP	DS+SP	DS+SP	DS+SP	DS+SP	DS+SP	DS+SP	DS+SP	DS+SP	DS+SP	DS+SP	DS+SP	D+SP
TURKMENISTAN														DS	D				DS		DS					
TUVALU																										
UGANDA										DS					D											
UKRAINE	D(2)	D(2)S	D(2)	D(14)	D(2)	D(2)S	D(2)	D(2)	D(2)	D(2)	D(2)S	D(2)	D(2)S	D(2)S	D(2)	D(2)	D(2)S	D(2)	D(2)S	D(2)	D(2)S	D(2)	D(2)			DS

	BNL (1)	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	IS	NO	CH
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (12)	S D				S D		S D	D+S	DS	DS					DS	DS		D				DS	DS		D	DS
UZBEKISTAN														D	D				D		DS					
VANUATU															D											
VIETNAM		DS	D					D	D					DS	D				DS	DS	D					D
YEMEN			DS +S P											D	D						DS+ SP					
ZAMBIA															D				DS							
ZIMBABWE							DS																			

ENTITIES AND TERRITORIAL AUTHORITIES THAT ARE NOT RECOGNISED AS STATES BY AT LEAST ONE MEMBER STATE

	BNL (1)	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	IS	NO	
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY															D											
TAIWAN (22)																										
KOSOVO																										

- (1) Benelux: In application of the Convention of 11 April 1960, and in particular Article 3 thereof, the Benelux countries have a harmonised policy on short-stay visas for third countries.
- (2) In compliance with the Agreements between the European Community and the following countries on the facilitation of the issuance of visas:
 - The Russian Federation ([OJ L 129, 17.5.2007, p. 27](#)). The agreement entered into force on 1 June 2007.
 - The Republic of Albania ([OJ L 334, 19.12.2007, p. 85](#)). The agreement entered into force on 1 January 2008.
 - Bosnia and Herzegovina ([OJ L 334, 19.12.2007, p. 97](#)). The agreement entered into force on 1 January 2008.

- The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ([OJ L 334, 19.12.2007, p. 125](#)). The agreement entered into force on 1 January 2008.
 - The Republic of Montenegro ([OJ L 334, 19.12.2007, p. 109](#)). The agreement entered into force on 1 January 2008.
 - The Republic of Serbia ([OJ L 334, 19.12.2007, p. 137](#)). The agreement entered into force on 1 January 2008.
 - The Republic of Moldova ([OJ L 334, 19.12.2007, p. 169](#)). The agreement entered into force on 1 January 2008.
 - Ukraine ([OJ L 332, 18.12.2007, p. 68](#)). The agreement entered into force on 1 January 2008.
 - Georgia (OJ L 52, 25.2.2011, p. 34). The agreement entered into force on 1 March 2011.
- (3) In compliance with bilateral Agreement between Denmark and Albania on the facilitation of the issuance of visas. The agreement entered into force on 1 December 2008.
 - (4) In compliance with bilateral Agreement between Norway and Albania on the facilitation of the issuance of visas. The agreement entered into force on 1 May 2009.
 - (5) Up to 30 days stay.
 - (6) In compliance with bilateral Agreement between Denmark and Bosnia Herzegovina on the facilitation of the issuance of visas. The agreement entered into force on 1 April 2009.
 - (7) In compliance with bilateral Agreement between Norway and Bosnia Herzegovina on the facilitation of the issuance of visas. The agreement entered into force on 1 May 2009.
 - (8) In compliance with bilateral Agreement between Denmark and Montenegro on the facilitation of the issuance of visas. The agreement entered into force on 1 August 2008.
 - (9) The exemption of holders of special passports is applied by Belgium and Luxembourg.
 - (10) In compliance with bilateral Agreement between Norway and the Russian Federation on the facilitation of the issuance of visas. The agreement entered into force on 1 December 2008.

- (11) In compliance with bilateral Agreement between Denmark and Serbia on the facilitation of the issuance of visas. The agreement entered into force on 1 May 2009.
- (12) The service passport issued by UAE is called "special passport".
- (13) In compliance with bilateral Agreement between Denmark and the Russian Federation on the facilitation of the issuance of visas. The agreement entered into force on 1 October 2009.
- (14) In compliance with bilateral Agreement between Denmark and Ukraine on the facilitation of the issuance of visas. The agreement entered into force on 1 March 2009.
- (15) In compliance with bilateral Agreement between Switzerland and Bosnia Herzegovina on the facilitation of the issuance of visas. The agreement entered into force on 1 July 2009.
- (16) In accordance with Regulation 1244/2009, nationals of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro are exempt from the visa obligation since 19.12.2009 if they are holders of biometric passports (OJ L 336, 18.12.2009, p.1). Holders of non-biometric passports remain subject to a visa obligation unless otherwise exempted.
- (17) In accordance with Regulation 1244/2009, nationals of Serbia who are holders of biometric passports are exempt from the visa obligation since 19.12.2009 (OJ L 336, 18.12.2009, p.1). Remain subject to a visa obligation unless otherwise exempted: Holders of non-biometric passports and holders of biometric passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (in Serbian: *Koordinaciona uprava*)).
- (18) In compliance with bilateral Agreement between Switzerland and the Russian Federation on the facilitation of the issuance of visas. The agreement entered into force on 1 February 2011.
- (19) In compliance with bilateral Agreement between Switzerland and the Republic of Moldova on the facilitation of the issuance of visas. The agreement entered into force on 1 February 2011.
- (20) In accordance with Regulation (EU) 1091/2010, nationals of Albania holding biometric passports are exempt from the visa obligation (OJ L 329, 14.12.2010, p. 1); the VFA continues to apply to holders of non-biometric passports.
- (21) In accordance with Regulation (EU) 1091/2010, nationals of Bosnia and Herzegovina holding biometric passports are exempt from the visa obligation (OJ L 329, 14.12.2010, p. 1); the VFA continues to apply to holders of non-biometric passports.

(22) In accordance with Regulation (EU) 1211/2010, Taiwanese nationals holding passports issued by Taiwan which include an identity card number are exempt from the visa obligation (OJ L 339, 22.12.2010, p. 6).

(23) The exemption from the visa obligation for holders of diplomatic passports from Congo only concerns secured travel documents.

1.1.1 Holy See (Vatican City State)

Holders of Vatican passports, irrespective of their nationality, are exempted from the visa requirement by Germany, Sweden, the Czech Republic, Latvia, Denmark, Slovakia, Poland, France, Bulgaria, Slovenia, Finland, Estonia and Italy.

Holders of valid identity cards issued by the authorities of the Vatican City State are exempted from the visa requirement by Denmark and Slovakia.

Holders of valid ordinary, diplomatic or service passports issued by the competent authorities of the Vatican City State may enter the Benelux countries without a visa.

Holders of diplomatic and service passports of the Vatican City State are exempted from the visa requirement by Austria.

Holders of valid ordinary, diplomatic, service passports or Passaporto del Governatorato issued by the competent authorities of the Vatican City State are exempted from the visa requirement by Switzerland

1.1.2 Sovereign Military Order of Malta

Holders of diplomatic and service passports of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta are exempted from the visa requirement by Poland and Italy.

Holders of diplomatic passports of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta are exempted from the visa requirement by Austria.

Holders of passports of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta are exempted from the visa requirement by Slovenia.

1.2. Visa exemption for other categories mentioned in Article 4(1)

1.2.1 Civilian air crew members:

Civilian air crew members are, in principle, exempted from the visa requirement by the Member States if they hold licences and certificates within the meaning of Annexes 1 to 9 to the Chicago Convention on International Civil Aviation. However, the visa requirement is maintained: by France for crew members who are nationals of countries who are non-signatories of the Chicago Convention.

Comment by Germany:

- (1) Civilian flight personnel who are in possession of flight crew identity documents shall be exempted from the visa requirement for the purposes of:
 1. staying only at the airport at which the aircraft stops over or ends its flight,
 2. staying only in the area of a municipality situated in the vicinity of the airport or,
 3. transferring to another airport.

- (2) Civilian flight personnel who are not in possession of flight crew identity documents may be exempted from the visa requirement for the purposes of a stay as specified in sub-section 1, provided that they meet passport requirements. The competent bodies shall be the authorities charged with policing cross-border traffic. A laissez-passer shall be issued to confirm the exemption.

1.2.2 Civilian sea crew members:

Civilian sea crew members may be exempted from the visa requirement by the Member States if they hold seafarer's identity documents issued in accordance with the International Labour Organisation Conventions (No 108 of 1958 and No 185 of 2003) or the IMO London Convention of 9 April 1965 (FAL) on the facilitation of international maritime traffic.

In practice:

- in the case of shore leave: the exemption is applied to crew members with the exception of Sweden and Germany;
- in the case of transit: the visa requirement is maintained for crew members by all States with the exception of Norway and Iceland.

Comment by Norway: Holders of a Philippine "Seafarer's Identification and Record Book" and/or a Philippine national passport are exempted from the visa requirement (see the shipping agreement of October 1999 between the Philippines and Norway). The holder must produce written confirmation from the shipowner or the shipowner's representative that the holder is to take up a post on a ship in a Norwegian port.

Comment by Germany:

- (1) Civilian shipping personnel shall be exempted from the visa requirement for the purposes of entry into and stays in Germany with regard to:
 1. pilots practising their occupation pursuant to Section 1 of the Sea Pilotage Act who are able to identify themselves by means of official papers detailing their identity and their capacity as a pilot,
 2. third country nationals who:
 - a) hold a German Seaman's Registration Book,
 - b) are nationals of a state specified in Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 and hold a passport or passport substitute issued by the state concerned and
 - c) stay on board ship or in Germany solely as a civilian member of the personnel on a ship which is entitled to fly the flag of Germany.
- (2) Civilian shipping personnel of ships navigating in maritime or coastal waters or on the Rhine who do not fall under the category of personnel defined in sub-section (1) may be exempted from the visa requirement for stays in port during the ship's lay days, provided that they meet passport requirements. The competent bodies shall be the authorities charged with policing cross-border traffic. A laissez-passer shall be issued to confirm the exemption.
- (3) Civilian shipping personnel within the meaning of the above sub-sections are the captain of a ship, the members of the crew who have been signed on and are entered in the crew list, and any other persons employed on board who are entered in a crew list.

1.2.3 Civilian crew members on international inland waterways:

- The Rhine:

Belgium, France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Switzerland exempt civilian crew members on the Rhine from the visa requirement provided they hold a travel document containing a trilingual stamp or comment identifying them as Rhine boatmen in accordance with the resolutions of the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine.

- The Danube:

Austria exempt civilian crew members on the Danube from the visa requirement provided they hold a document identifying them as Danube boatmen and they are on the crew list. The exemption from the visa requirement is valid only for the duration of the transit, provided the ship's crew do not leave the ship or the port.

Comment by Germany:

- (1) Germany exempts from the visa requirement third country nationals who:
 1. are employed on a ship operated on the Rhine and Danube river systems, including the Main-Danube canal, by a company headquartered abroad;
 2. are entered in the crew list of that ship; and
 3. possess a foreign passport or passport substitute specifying their capacity as a Rhine boatman or inland waterway identity documents shall be exempted from the visa requirement for the purposes of entry into Germany and for stays in Germany of up to three months within a twelve-month period following their first entry into Germany.

- (2) The exemption pursuant to sub-section 1 shall apply to entry into Germany and:
 1. stays on board,
 2. stays in the area of a dock in which the ship is berthed and a municipality in the vicinity and
 3. journeys via the shortest route between the border crossing point and the location at which the ship is berthed or between locations at which ships are berthed in connection with the cross-border transportation of persons or goods and, for the purposes of the onward transportation of such persons or goods, on the Danube river system.

- (3) Sub-sections 1 and 2 shall apply mutatis mutandis to dependents entered in inland waterway identity documents.

1.2.4 Flight crew and attendants on emergency or rescue flights and other helpers in the event of a disaster or accident:

Hungary exempts persons in this category from the visa requirement.

Austria exempts persons in this category from the visa requirement, for the duration of the transit.

1.2.5 Laissez-passer issued by international organisations to their officials:

General comments:

Portugal: holders of such laissez-passer do not qualify for any visa exemption.

Austria: beneficiaries of privileges and immunities who have been issued with a specific identity document are exempted from the visa requirement.

1.2.6 Comments relating to particular organisations:

- Exemption from the visa requirement for officials of particular organisations:

Y = Yes

N = No

	BN	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	IS	NO ⁽¹⁾	CH
United Nations	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	(4)	Y	Y (6)	Y	Y(3)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y(2)	Y	Y	Y
North Atlantic Treaty Organisation	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y		Y	N	N		Y	Y		N	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	
Customs Cooperation Council	Y	N	N	N	N	N		N	N			N	N	N		N	N		N	N	N	N	N			
Council of Europe	Y(5)			N					Y					Y	Y	Y			N		Y	N	Y			

- General comments:

(1) Norway: Norway waives the visa requirement for the following persons and their spouse/cohabitant and dependent children:

- (a) representatives to the UN;
- (b) civil servants with a permanent post with the UN or in a UN special organisation;
- (c) judges at the International Court or civil servants in the Court's secretariat;

- (d) other persons acting for a special organisation of the UN or the Court;
- (e) foreigners with a UN laissez-passer (issued in accordance with the special agreement with the UN).

- United Nations:

The exemption from the visa requirement indicated in the table by Member States applies to holders of UN laissez-passer.

(2) Sweden: The exemption from the visa requirement for the United Nations applies to employees of the UN who are on duty and who hold a certificate issued by the UN to certify this.

(3) The Republic of Cyprus requires no visa for holders of sky-blue and red UN laissez-passer. For holders of the white laissez-passer (refugees), a visa is required.

(4) Greece requires no visa for holders of red UN laissez-passer. For holders of the sky-blue and white laissez-passer (refugees), a visa is required.

In addition, holders of the SHIRBRIG, Planning Element Official, identification card issued by the Chief of Defence in Denmark are exempted from the visa requirement by Denmark.

- Customs Cooperation Council:

The exemption from the visa requirement by Benelux indicated in the table applies to holders of laissez-passer issued by the Secretary-General of the Customs Cooperation Council.

- Council of Europe:

(5) The exemption from the visa requirement by Benelux indicated in the table applies to holders of laissez-passer issued by the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe.

(6) The exemption from the visa requirement by France indicated in the table applies to holders of blue or red UN laissez-passers.

2. Exemption from the visa requirement by virtue of Article 4(2)

2.1. Visa exemption granted to school pupils who are nationals of a third country indicated in the left-hand column, reside in a third country listed in Annex II to the Regulation [] or in Liechtenstein and are travelling in the context of a school excursion as members of a group of school pupils accompanied by a teacher from the school in question:

S = School pupils

	BNL	BG	CZ	DK	DE(6)	EE	EL	ES	FR	IT	CY(1)	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE(2)	IS	NO	CH(3)	LI	
AFGHANISTAN					S										S		S					S						
ALBANIA(7)					S										S		S					S						
ALGERIA					S										S		S					S						
ANGOLA					S										S		S					S						
ARMENIA					S										S		S					S						
AZERBAIJAN					S										S		S					S						
BAHRAIN					S										S		S					S						
BANGLADESH					S										S		S					S						
BELARUS					S										S		S					S						
BELIZE					S										S		S					S						
BENIN					S										S		S					S						
BHUTAN					S										S		S					S						
BOLIVIA					S										S		S					S						
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA(7)					S										S		S					S						
BOTSWANA					S										S		S					S						

	BNL	BG	CZ	DK	DE(6)	EE	EL	ES	FR	IT	CY (1)	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE (2)	IS	NO	CH(3)	LI	
BURKINA FASO					S										S		S					S		S				
BURUNDI					S										S		S					S		S				
CAMBODIA					S										S		S					S		S				
CAMEROON					S										S		S					S		S				
CAPE VERDE					S										S		S					S		S				
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC					S										S		S					S		S				
CHAD					S										S		S					S		S				
CHINA (PR)					S										S		S					S		S				
COLOMBIA					S										S		S					S		S				
COMOROS					S										S		S					S		S				
CONGO					S										S		S					S		S				
CONGO (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF)					S										S		S					S		S				
COTE D'IVOIRE					S										S		S					S		S				
CUBA					S										S		S					S		S				
DJIBOUTI					S										S		S					S		S				
DOMINICA					S										S		S					S		S				
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC					S										S		S					S		S				
ECUADOR					S										S		S					S		S				

	BNL	BG	CZ	DK	DE(6)	EE	EL	ES	FR	IT	CY (1)	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE (2)	IS	NO	CH(3)	LI	
EGYPT					S										S		S					S		S				
EQUATORIAL GUINEA					S										S		S					S		S				
ERITREA					S										S		S					S		S				
ETHIOPIA					S										S		S					S		S				
FIJI					S										S		S					S		S				
FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA (4)					S										S		S					S		S				
GABON					S										S		S					S		S				
GAMBIA					S										S		S					S		S				
GEORGIA					S										S		S					S		S				
GHANA					S										S		S					S		S				
GRENADA					S										S		S					S		S				
GUINEA					S										S		S					S		S				
GUINEA-BISSAU					S										S		S					S		S				
GUYANA					S										S		S					S		S				
HAITI					S										S		S					S		S				
INDIA					S										S		S					S		S				
INDONESIA					S										S		S					S		S				
IRAN					S										S		S					S		S				

	BNL	BG	CZ	DK	DE(6)	EE	EL	ES	FR	IT	CY (1)	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE (2)	IS	NO	CH(3)	LI	
IRAQ					S										S		S					S		S				
JAMAICA					S										S		S					S		S				
JORDAN					S										S		S					S		S				
KAZAKHSTAN					S										S		S					S		S				
KENYA					S										S		S					S		S				
KIRIBATI					S										S		S					S		S				
KOREA (NORTH)					S										S		S					S		S				
KUWAIT					S										S		S					S		S				
KYRGYZSTAN					S										S		S					S		S				
LAOS					S										S		S					S		S				
LEBANON					S										S		S					S		S				
LESOTHO					S										S		S					S		S				
LIBERIA					S										S		S					S		S				
LIBYA					S										S		S					S		S				
MADAGASCAR					S										S		S					S		S				
MALAWI					S										S		S					S		S				
MALDIVES					S										S		S					S		S				
MALI					S										S		S					S		S				
MARSHALL ISLANDS					S										S		S					S		S				

	BNL	BG	CZ	DK	DE(6)	EE	EL	ES	FR	IT	CY (1)	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE (2)	IS	NO	CH(3)	LI	
MAURITANIA					S										S		S					S		S				
MICRONESIA					S										S		S					S		S				
MOLDOVA					S										S		S					S		S				
MONGOLIA					S										S		S					S		S				
MONTENEGRO (4)					S										S		S					S		S				
MOROCCO					S										S		S					S		S				
MOZAMBIQUE					S										S		S					S		S				
MYANMAR					S										S		S					S		S				
NAMIBIA					S										S		S					S		S				
NAURU					S										S		S					S		S				
NEPAL					S										S		S					S		S				
NIGER					S										S		S					S		S				
NIGERIA					S										S		S					S		S				
NORTHERN MARIANA					S										S		S					S		S				
OMAN					S										S		S					S		S				
PAKISTAN					S										S		S					S		S				
PALAU					S										S		S					S		S				
PAPUA NEW GUINEA					S										S		S					S		S				
PERU					S										S		S					S		S				

	BNL	BG	CZ	DK	DE(6)	EE	EL	ES	FR	IT	CY (1)	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE (2)	IS	NO	CH(3)	LI	
PHILIPPINES					S										S		S					S		S				
QATAR					S										S		S					S		S				
RUSSIA					S										S		S					S		S				
RWANDA					S										S		S					S		S				
SAINT LUCIA					S										S		S					S		S				
SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES					S										S		S					S		S				
SAMOA					S										S		S					S		S				
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE					S										S		S					S		S				
SAUDI ARABIA					S										S		S					S		S				
SENEGAL					S										S		S					S		S				
SERBIA (5)					S										S		S					S		S				
SIERRA LEONE					S										S		S					S		S				
SOLOMON ISLANDS					S										S		S					S		S				
SOMALIA					S										S		S					S		S				
SOUTH AFRICA					S										S		S					S		S				
SRI LANKA					S										S		S					S		S				
SUDAN					S										S		S					S		S				
SURINAME					S										S		S					S		S				

	BNL	BG	CZ	DK	DE(6)	EE	EL	ES	FR	IT	CY (1)	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE (2)	IS	NO	CH(3)	LI	
SWAZILAND					S										S		S					S		S				
SYRIA					S										S		S					S		S				
TAJIKISTAN					S										S		S					S		S				
TANZANIA					S										S		S					S		S				
THAILAND					S										S		S					S		S				
TIMOR-LESTE					S										S		S					S		S				
TOGO					S										S		S					S		S				
TONGA					S										S		S					S		S				
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO					S										S		S					S		S				
TUNISIA					S										S		S					S		S				
TURKEY					S										S		S					S		S				
TURKMENISTAN					S										S		S					S		S				
TUVALU					S										S		S					S		S				
UGANDA					S										S		S					S		S				
UKRAINE					S										S		S					S		S				
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES					S										S		S					S		S				
UZBEKISTAN					S										S		S					S		S				
VANUATU					S										S		S					S		S				
VIETNAM					S										S		S					S		S				

	BNL	BG	CZ	DK	DE(6)	EE	EL	ES	FR	IT	CY (1)	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE (2)	IS	NO	CH(3)	LI
YEMEN					S										S		S				S		S				
ZAMBIA					S										S		S				S		S				
ZIMBABWE					S										S		S				S		S				

(1) Cyprus: a national collective visa is required.

(2) Sweden: School pupils under 18 years old.

(3) Switzerland: visa exemption only for school pupils residing in Andorra, Monaco or San Marino.

(4) In accordance with Regulation 1244/2009, nationals of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro are exempt from the visa obligation since 19.12.2009 if they are holders of biometric passports (OJ L 336, 18.12.2009, p.1), . Holders of non-biometric passports remain subject to a visa obligation unless otherwise exempted.

(5) In accordance with Regulation 1244/2009, nationals of Serbia who are holders of biometric passports are exempt from the visa obligation since 19.12.2009 (OJ L 336, 18.12.2009, p.1). Remain subject to a visa obligation unless otherwise exempted: Holders of non-biometric passports and holders of biometric passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (in Serbian: *Koordinaciona uprava*)).

(6) It is a precondition that the school pupils are registered in a list, which corresponds to the requirements defined in Article 1.b and the Annex of Council Decision of 30 November 1994 on a joint action adopted by the Council on the basis of Article K.3.2.b of the Treaty on European Union concerning travel facilities for school pupils from third countries resident in a Member State, and are not engaged in a gainful employment.

(7) In accordance with Regulation (EU) 1091/2010, nationals of Albania and Bosnia-Herzegovina holding biometric passports are exempt from the visa obligation (OJ L 329, 14.12.2010, p. 1); the VFA continues to apply to holders of non-biometric passports.

2.2. Visa exemption for refugees and stateless persons who are legally resident in one of the countries indicated in the left-hand column and are in possession of a travel document issued by the competent authorities of that country:

R = Visa-exempted refugees

A = Visa-exempted stateless persons

	BNL	BG	CZ	DK	DE (1)	EE	EL	ES	FR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	IS	NO	CH	
ALBANIA																				RA							
ANDORRA					R(2) A(2)				RA					RA							RA	R					
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA																					RA						
ARGENTINA					RA									RA							RA	R					
AUSTRALIA					RA									RA							RA	R					
BAHAMAS																					RA						
BARBADOS																					RA						
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA																					ra						
BRAZIL					RA									RA							RA	R					
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM					R(2) A(2)									RA							RA	R					
CANADA					RA (2)									RA							RA	R					
CHILE					RA (2)									RA							RA	R					
COSTA RICA					RA									RA							RA	R					
CROATIA					RA									RA							RA	R					
EL SALVADOR					RA (2)									RA							RA	R					
FYROM																					RA						

	BNL	BG	CZ	DK	DE (¹)	EE	EL	ES	FR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	IS	NO	CH	
GUATEMALA					RA									RA						RA	R						
HOLY SEE (STATE OF THE VATICAN)	-			-	RA (2)		-	-	-	-				RA		-		-		RA	R	-	-	-	-		
HONDURAS					RA (2)									RA						RA	R						
ISRAEL					RA									RA						RA	R						
JAPAN					RA (2)									RA						RA	R						
KOREA (SOUTH)					RA									RA						RA	R						
MALAYSIA					R(2) A(2)									RA						RA	R						
MAURITIUS																				RA							
MEXICO					RA									RA						RA	R						
MONACO					RA (2)				RA					RA						RA	R						
MONTENEGRO																				RA							
NEW ZEALAND					RA (2)									RA						RA	R						
NICARAGUA					RA (2)									RA						RA	R						
PANAMA					RA (2)									RA						RA	R						
PARAGUAY					RA (2)									RA						RA	R						

	BNL	BG	CZ	DK	DE (¹)	EE	EL	ES	FR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	IS	NO	CH	
SAN MARINO					R(2) A(2)									RA						RA	R						
SERBIA																				RA							
SEYCHELLES																				RA							
SINGAPORE					R(2) A(2)									RA						RA	R						
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA)	R (3)				RA (2)									RA						RA	R						
URUGUAY					RA (2)									RA						RA	R						
VENEZUELA					R(2) A(2)									RA						RA	R						

SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGIONS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

	BNL	BG	CZ	DK	DE (¹)	EE	EL	ES	FR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	IS	NO	CH	
HONG KONG S.A.R.					R(2) A									RA						RA							
MACAO S.A.R.					R(2) A									RA						RA							

(1) The general requirement is that the person must hold a valid travel document issued in accordance with the rules in the Agreement of 15 October 1946 regarding the issue of travel documents to refugees, the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees of 28 July 1951 or the Convention relating

to the Status of Stateless Persons of 28 September 1954. The travel document must contain an authorisation to return which has a sufficiently long period of validity.

(2) For Germany: applies in each case from the date of entry into force of the agreements and conventions referred to in footnote (1) on the issue of travel documents to refugees and stateless persons.

(3) The exemption is applied by Belgium and the Netherlands.

2.3. Visa exemption granted by Member States to members of the armed forces travelling on NATO or Partnership for Peace business and holders of identification and movement orders provided for by the Agreement of 19 June 1951 between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation regarding the status of their forces:

	BNL	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	IS	NO	CH
Members of the armed forces travelling on NATO or Partnership for Peace business and holders of identification and movement orders provided for by the Agreement of 19 June 1951		X(1)	X	X		X						X				X	X			X	X		X	X	X(2)	

X = Visa exemption

(1) Comment by Bulgaria: the exemption from the visa requirement for the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation applies to holders of a valid travel document or a travel order issued by NATO headquarters, when they are on duty visits for a maximum of ninety (90) days during any half-year.

(2) Comment by Norway: Norway waives the visa requirement for military personnel from a NATO member state and for military personnel attached to an allied headquarters on an official mission with a travel order issued by the relevant authority in the sender state or in NATO. Please note that for these categories Norway also exempts their family members (spouses/cohabitant and dependent children).

Norway also waives the visa requirement for members of US, Canadian or British troops stationed in Europe and for military personnel who are going to be stationed or going to participate in exercises on Norwegian territory in accordance with the Treaty of Partnership for Peace. The exemption from the visa requirement in these categories does not include spouses and children.

3. Exceptions to the exemption from the visa requirement by virtue of Article 4(1)

A visa obligation is applied to the following categories of persons originating in the countries indicated in the left-hand column:

D = holders of diplomatic passports

A = civilian aircrew

S = holders of service passports/official passports

C = civilian sea crew

	BN	L	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	IS	NO	CH	
AUSTRALIA			DS									DS AC						DS (6)										
CANADA				DS																								
ISRAEL										S A(1) C(2) (5)		DS AC																
MEXICO												DS AC													DS			
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA)			DS					DS	DS (3) (5)	D S(4) A(1) C(2) (5)		DS AC						DS (7)	DS (4)									

(1) France: although the United States of America and Israel are signatories to the Chicago Convention, the visa requirement is nevertheless maintained for crew members who are nationals of those two countries.

(2) France: although the United States of America and Israel are signatories to the 1965 London Convention, the visa requirement is nevertheless maintained for crew members who are nationals of those two countries.

(3) Spain: for the United States of America, holders of diplomatic or service/official passports on official missions or official visits are subject to the visa requirement. The visa is not necessary when they enter in application of the Hispanic-North American Convention of 1 May 1988.

(4) France and Portugal: only when the holders of diplomatic or official duty passports are on mission.

(5) If travelling on official business.

(6) Poland: the exemption concerns holders of diplomatic or service passports on mission.

(7) Poland: the exemption concerns holders of diplomatic or service passports on mission (visas valid for not longer than 4 years).

4. Exceptions to the exemption from the visa requirement by virtue of Article 4(3)

Persons originating in the countries indicated in the left-hand column are subject to the visa requirement when carrying out a paid activity during their stay.

E = paid activity

	BNL	BG ⁽⁵⁾	CZ	DK	DE ⁽⁴⁾	EE ⁽³⁾	EL	ES ⁽¹⁾	FR	IT	CY ⁽⁸⁾	LV	LT ⁽	HU	MT	AT ⁽¹⁰⁾	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI ⁽⁷⁾	SE	IS	NO	CH	
ANDORRA			E		E	E	E	E ⁽¹⁾		E	E	E		E		E		E	E		E						
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	E ⁽¹¹⁾		E		E	E				E	E	E				E		E	E					E	E	E ⁽¹²⁾	
ARGENTINA			E		E	E	E	E		E	E	E		E		E		E	E			E				E ⁽¹²⁾	

	BNL	BG ⁽⁵⁾	CZ	DK	DE ⁽⁴⁾	EE ⁽³⁾	EL	ES	FR	IT	CY ⁽⁸⁾	LV	LT ⁽¹⁾	HU	MT	AT ⁽⁶⁾	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI ⁽⁷⁾	SE	IS	NO	CH
AUSTRALIA			E			E	E	E	E	E	E	E		E		E		E	E		E					E (12)
BAHAMAS	E (11)	E	E		E	E				E	E	E		E		E		E	E					E	E	E
BARBADOS	E (11)	E	E		E	E				E	E	E		E		E		E	E					E	E	E
BRAZIL			E		E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E		E		E		E	E		E					E (11)
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM			E		E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E		E		E		E	E		E					
CANADA			E			E	E	E	E ⁽²⁾	E	E	E		E		E		E			E					E (12)
CHILE			E		E	E	E	E		E	E	E		E		E		E	E		E					E
COSTA RICA			E		E	E	E	E		E	E	E		E		E		E	E		E					E
CROATIA			E		E	E	E	E		E	E	E		E		E		E	E		E					E
EL SALVADOR			E		E	E	E	E		E	E	E		E		E		E	E		E					E (12)
GUATEMALA			E		E	E	E	E		E	E	E		E		E		E	E		E					E (12)
HOLY SEE			E		E	E	E	E				E		E		E		E	E		E					

	BNL	BG (⁵)	CZ	DK	DE (⁴)	EE (³)	EL	ES	FR	IT	CY (⁸)	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT (⁶)	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI (⁷)	SE	IS	NO	CH	
HONDURAS			E		E	E	E	E		E	E	E		E		E		E	E		E					E (12)	
ISRAEL			E			E	E	E		E	E	E		E		E		E	E		E						E (12)
JAPAN			E			E	E	E	E	E	E	E		E		E		E			E						
KOREA (SOUTH)			E			E	E	E	E	E	E	E		E		E		E	E		E						E (12)
MALAYSIA			E		E	E	E	E		E	E	E		E		E		E	E		E						
MAURITIUS	E (11)	E	E		E	E				E		E		E		E		E	E					E	E	E (12)	
MEXICO			E		E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E		E		E		E	E		E						E (12)
MONACO			E		E	E	E	E		E	E	E		E		E		E	E		E						E (12)
NEW ZEALAND			E			E	E	E		E	E	E		E		E		E	E		E						
NICARAGUA			E		E	E	E	E		E	E	E		E		E		E	E		E						E (12)
PANAMA			E		E	E	E	E		E	E	E		E		E		E	E		E						E (12)
PARAGUAY			E		E	E	E	E		E	E	E		E		E		E	E		E						E (12)
SAN MARINO			E		E	E	E	E			E	E		E		E		E	E		E						

	BNL	BG ⁽⁵⁾	CZ	DK	DE ⁽⁴⁾	EE ⁽³⁾	EL	ES	FR	IT	CY ⁽⁸⁾	LV	LT ⁽⁶⁾	HU	MT ⁽⁹⁾	AT ⁽¹⁰⁾	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI ⁽⁷⁾	SE	IS	NO	CH	
SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS	E (11)	E	E		E	E				E	E	E		E		E		E	E					E	E	E (12)	
SEYCHELLES	E (11)	E	E		E	E				E	E	E		E		E		E	E					E	E	E (12)	
SINGAPORE			E		E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E		E		E		E	E		E						
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA)			E			E	E	E	E	E	E	E		E		E		E				E				E (12)	
URUGUAY			E		E	E	E	E		E	E	E		E		E		E	E			E				E (12)	
VENEZUELA			E		E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E		E		E		E	E			E				E (12)	

SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGIONS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

	BNL	BG ⁽⁵⁾	CZ	DK	DE ⁽⁴⁾	EE ⁽³⁾	EL	ES	FR	IT	CY ⁽⁸⁾	LV	LT ⁽⁶⁾	HU	MT ⁽⁹⁾	AT ⁽¹⁰⁾	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI ⁽⁷⁾	SE	IS	NO	CH
HONG KONG S.A.R.			E		E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E		E		E	E	E	E		E					E
MACAO S.A.R.			E		E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E		E		E	E	E	E		E					E

(1) Comment by Spain: Andorran nationals are exempted from the visa requirement when carrying out an economic activity during their stay, except if they exercise an independent profession.

(2) Comment by France: For Canada, the visa requirement applies only to young Canadians coming to France under the Agreement of 3 October 2003 between the government of Canada and the government of the French Republic concerning youth exchanges.

(3) Comment by Estonia: In order to work in Estonia, aliens must hold a work permit/residence permit for employment. Registration of short-term employment is needed for aliens who arrive/stay in Estonia either on the basis of a visa (D-type) or on a visa-free basis (unless any international agreement stipulates otherwise) and this cannot exceed a period of six months a year.

(4) Comments by Germany: The following groups of employees are not considered as carrying out a paid activity and are therefore exempted from the visa requirement under the specified conditions:

- - seamen holding a German seaman’s book (“Seefahrtbuch”) and a national passport issued by the authorities listed in Annex II only if they are crew members of a ship which is authorised to fly the flag of Germany or staying on the territory of Germany;
- - pilots for sea and coastal navigation exercising their profession;
- - in navigation on the Rhine and Danube, including the Main-Danube canal, for entry in order to transport persons or goods: third-country nationals working on a ship registered in a foreign country for an enterprise with its seat in a foreign country, who have a recognised passport or, in lieu, a passport certifying their status as engaged in navigation on the Rhine or holders of a special passport recognised in lieu, for example a “Donauschifferausweis” or seaman’s book (“Seefahrtbuch”) and who are on the crew list. The stay must be directly related to the aims of the navigating profession.

Self-employed professions are also understood as paid activity. Some special activities are not regarded as paid activity (§17.2 of the ordinance on residence in conjunction with §16 of the ordinance on employment; for example, special drivers). These persons may enter visa-free under the conditions specifically set out.

(5) Comment by Bulgaria: In order to work in Bulgaria, third country nationals must hold a work permit and a long-term visa for first entry. After they have entered Bulgaria, the competent immigration authorities issue a residence permit entitling third country nationals to stay, leave and re-enter the territory of Bulgaria without any other authorisation.

(7) Comment by Finland: A residence permit for an employed person is required in order to work.

(8) Comment by Cyprus: In order to work in Cyprus, third country nationals must hold a work permit and a residence permit, in accordance with the Aliens & Immigration Law (Chapter 105) and the relevant Regulation N.242/72.

(9) Comment by Malta: In order to work in Malta, third country nationals must hold a work permit/residence permit for employment.

(10) Comment by Austria: In Austria, the following special provisions apply to issuing visas for gainful activities:

Visa-free seasonal and harvest workers may enter Austria without a visa and obtain a work permit after a clearance certificate has been issued by the competent aliens police authority.

For other, merely temporary, independent or dependent employment, third country nationals who are exempt from the visa requirement may take up their activities only after a visa has been issued. Depending on the duration of the activity, a C or D visa will be issued. On the sticker the mention "ERWERB" ("remunerated") will appear.

(11) Concerns only Luxembourg.

(12) Third country nationals are required to hold a visa when exercising the following gainful occupations:

- in the primary or secondary construction industry and civil engineering, catering and hotel services, industrial and private cleaners, surveillance and security services, and sex industry.
- gainful occupation of any another kind, if such occupation exceeds 8 days within a calendar year.