

**No. 165**

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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND  
NORTHERN IRELAND  
and  
LUXEMBOURG**

**Exchange of Notes for the reciprocal abolition of visas on  
British and Luxembourg passports. London, 14 February 1947**

*English official text communicated by the United Kingdom Representative to  
the United Nations. The registration took place on 4 December 1947.*

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**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE ET  
D'IRLANDE DU NORD  
et  
LUXEMBOURG**

**Echange de notes relatif à la suppression réciproque des visas  
pour les passeports britanniques et luxembourgeois.  
Londres, 14 février 1947**

*Texte officiel anglais communiqué par le représentant du Royaume-Uni auprès  
de l'Organisation des Nations Unies. L'enregistrement a eu lieu le  
4 décembre 1947.*

No. 165. EXCHANGE OF NOTES<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE GOVERNMENT OF LUXEMBOURG FOR THE RECIPROCAL ABOLITION OF VISAS ON BRITISH AND LUXEMBOURG PASSPORTS. LONDON, 14 FEBRUARY 1947

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No. 1

*Mr. Ernest Bevin to M. André Clasen*

FOREIGN OFFICE

14th February, 1947

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform your Excellency that, as a first step towards the eventual restoration of freedom of travel to Luxembourg and to British territories, His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom are prepared to conclude with the Government of Luxembourg an agreement in the following terms:—

- (1) Luxembourg subjects shall be free to travel from any place whatever to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance provided that they are furnished with valid Luxembourg passports.
- (2) Holders of valid passports bearing, on the cover, the inscription "British Passport" and, inside, the description of the holder's national status as "British subject" shall be free to travel from any place whatever to Luxembourg without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance.
- (3) It is understood that the waiver of the visa requirement does not exempt Luxembourg and British subjects coming respectively to the United Kingdom and to Luxembourg from the necessity of complying with the British and the Luxembourg laws and regulations concerning the entry, residence (temporary or permanent)

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 15 February 1947, by the exchange, and according to the terms, of the said notes.

and employment or occupation of foreigners, and that travellers who are unable to satisfy the immigration authorities that they comply with these laws and regulations are liable to be refused leave to enter or land.

- (4) As regards travel to British colonies and overseas territories, protectorates or territories under mandate or trusteeship, it is understood that visas will continue to be required.

2. If the Luxembourg Government are prepared to accept the foregoing provisions, I have the honour to suggest that the present note and your Excellency's reply in similar terms should be regarded as placing on record the agreement between the two Governments, which shall take effect on 15th February, 1947.

I have, &c.

(Signed) Ernest BEVIN

No. 2

*M. André Clasen to Mr. Ernest Bevin*

LÉGATION DU GRAND-DUCHÉ DE LUXEMBOURG

Londres, 14th February, 1947

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your Excellency's note of to-day's date in the following terms:—

[As in Note No. 1]

2. On instructions from my Government I have the honour to confirm their agreement to the provisions set out in your Excellency's note, which, with the present reply, shall be regarded as placing on record the agreement reached between the two Governments.

I have, &c.

(Signed) A. J. CLASEN