

No. 996

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

**Exchange of notes (with annex) constituting an agreement  
extending the Visa Abolition Agreement of 6 December 1947  
to certain British overseas territories. London, 26 and 28  
October 1948**

*Official texts: English and Italian.*

*Registered by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on 20 December  
1950.*

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

**Echange de notes (avec annexe) constituant un accord étendant  
à certains territoires d'outre-mer du Royaume-Uni l'appli-  
cation de l'Accord relatif à la suppression des visas en date  
du 6 décembre 1947. Londres, 26 et 28 octobre 1948**

*Textes officiels anglais et italien.*

*Enregistré par le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord le 20 décembre  
1950.*

No. 996. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ITALY EXTENDING THE VISA ABOLITION AGREEMENT OF 6 DECEMBER 1947 TO CERTAIN BRITISH OVERSEAS TERRITORIES. LONDON, 26 AND 28 OCTOBER 1948

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*The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the Italian Ambassador*

FOREIGN OFFICE

26th October, 1948

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to sub-paragraph 4 of the notes exchanged between us on 6th December, 1947, embodying an agreement for the reciprocal abolition of visas for British subjects travelling to Italy and Italian citizens travelling to the United Kingdom, and to inform you that, in accordance with their policy of extending freedom of travel, His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom have decided, after consultation with the Governments of the territories concerned, and without prejudice to the general application of sub-paragraph 2 of the above-mentioned notes, to extend the provisions of that agreement to Italian citizens travelling to the territories mentioned in the Annex to this note.

2. Accordingly, it is proposed that on and after 10th November Italian citizens shall be free to travel from any place whatever to any of the territories mentioned in the Annex without the necessity of obtaining a visa, provided that they are furnished with valid Italian passports.

3.—(a) It is understood that the waiver of the visa does not exempt Italian citizens travelling to any of the territories mentioned in the Annex from the necessity of complying with the laws and regulations in force in the particular territory concerning the entry into it, or residence (temporary or permanent) and employment or occupation in it, of foreigners, and that travellers who are unable to satisfy the competent authorities in the territory that they comply with those laws and regulations are liable to be refused leave to enter or land.

(b) In most British overseas territories foreigners are not permitted to remain for more than a limited period, which does not normally exceed six

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 10 November 1948, by the exchange and according to the terms of the said notes.

months and may be less, without special authority, and they may be called upon as a condition of entry to provide reasonable evidence (such as a return or onward transport ticket) of their intention to leave the territory within the specified period. Similarly, foreigners wishing to undertake employment in such territories are usually required to obtain prior permission to do so and to produce proof of such permission before being admitted. Requirements, however, differ as between one territory and another, and it is therefore suggested that any notice or advice regarding the abolition of visas in relation to British overseas territories should emphasise the importance of intending travellers acquainting themselves fully with the requirements of the Immigration Laws and Regulations of the territory which they propose to visit.

4. I have the honour to request Your Excellency to be so good as to acknowledge the receipt of his note.

I have, &c.

(Signed) Ernest BEVIN

#### ANNEX

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Newfoundland              | Mauritius                  |
| Southern Rhodesia         | North Borneo               |
| Aden                      | Northern Rhodesia          |
| Bahamas                   | St. Helena                 |
| Barbados                  | Seychelles                 |
| Basutoland                | Sierra Leone               |
| Bechuanaland Protectorate | Singapore                  |
| Bermuda                   | Swaziland                  |
| British Guiana            | Tanganyika                 |
| British Honduras          | Trinidad                   |
| Brunei                    | Uganda                     |
| Cyprus                    | Western Pacific—           |
| Falkland Islands          | Gilbert and Ellice Islands |
| Federation of Malaya      | British Solomon Islands    |
| Fiji                      | Windward Islands—          |
| Jamaica                   | Dominica                   |
| Leeward Islands—          | Grenada                    |
| Antigua                   | St. Lucia                  |
| St. Kitts Nevis           | St. Vincent                |
| Montserrat                | Zanzibar                   |
| Virgin Islands            |                            |

4. Ho ricevuto istruzioni di informare V.E. che il Governo Italiano si dichiara d'accordo con le disposizioni sopra indicate.

La prego, &c.

(Firmato) T. Gallarati SCOTTI

TRANSLATION<sup>1</sup> — TRADUCTION<sup>2</sup>

ITALIAN EMBASSY

28th October, 1948

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your note of 26th October, whereby you refer to sub-paragraph 4 of the notes exchanged between us on 6th December, 1947, regarding the reciprocal abolition of visas for British subjects travelling to Italy and Italian citizens travelling to the United Kingdom and you kindly inform me that, in accordance with their policy of extending freedom of travel, His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom have decided, after consultation with the Governments of the territories concerned, and without prejudice to the general application of sub-paragraph 2 of the above-mentioned notes, to extend the provisions of that agreement to Italian citizens travelling to the territories mentioned in the Annex to Your Excellency's note.

[See note I, paragraphs 2 and 3]

4. I am instructed to inform Your Excellency that the Italian Government are in full agreement with the provisions specified above.

I have, &c.

(Signed) T. Gallarati SCOTTI

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<sup>1</sup> Translation by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

<sup>2</sup> Traduction du Gouvernement du Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord.