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*The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the American Embassy*

ITALIAN TEXT — TEXTE ITALIEN

TRANSLATION<sup>2</sup> — TRADUCTION<sup>3</sup>

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NOTA VERBALE

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Il Ministero degli Affari Esteri ha l'onore di comunicare all'Ambasciata degli Stati Uniti d'America che il Governo Italiano ha deciso di abolire — a partire dal 1° novembre p.v. — il visto ai passaporti dei cittadini statunitensi che intendano transitare per l'Italia o soggiornarvi per un periodo non superiore a tre mesi continuativi. Le competenti autorità di Pubblica Sicurezza potranno accordare proroghe del permesso di soggiorno, a richiesta degli interessati, per un periodo massimo di tre mesi.

I cittadini statunitensi che intendano trattenersi in Italia per un più lungo soggiorno o a tempo indeterminato dovranno munirsi, prima di intraprendere il viaggio, di un visto che sarà rilasciato dalle rappresentanze italiane all'estero dopo aver consultato la competente autorità centrale.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honor to communicate to the Embassy of the United States of America that the Italian Government has decided to abolish, beginning November 1 next, the visa on passports of American citizens who intend to pass through Italy or sojourn there for a period not exceeding three consecutive months. The competent authorities of the Security Police may grant extensions of the residence permit, at the request of the persons concerned, for a maximum period of three months.

United States citizens who intend to remain in Italy for a longer or indefinite period must provide themselves, before beginning the trip, with a visa which will be granted by Italian representatives abroad after consultation with the competent central authority.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 29 September 1948, by the exchange of the said notes.

<sup>2</sup> Translation by the Government of the United States of America.

<sup>3</sup> Traduction du Gouvernement des États-Unis d'Amérique.

Il Ministero degli Affari Esteri è stato lieto di apprendere dal promemoria dell'Ambasciata degli Stati Uniti d'America N. 308 del 27 giugno 1947 e da ulteriori comunicazioni, che il suo Governo è disposto a concedere, ai sudditi italiani che intendano recarsi in visita temporanea negli Stati Uniti, visti per non-immigranti validi per la presentazione ad un porto di sbarco una o più volte nel periodo di due anni. Tale visto avrà la validità del passaporto su cui è apposto, entro il termine massimo di due anni.

L'autorità centrale italiana farà conoscere la propria decisione in merito alle domande di lungo soggiorno dei cittadini statunitensi entro due mesi dal ricevimento delle singole domande. Si gradirebbe che, entro lo stesso termine, i Consolati degli Stati Uniti d'America si impegnassero ad accettare le domande dei cittadini italiani desiderosi di ottenere un visto quali « non-immigranti » od a far conoscere il motivo dell'eventuale rifiuto.

Il Ministero degli Affari Esteri ha l'onore di pregare l'Ambasciata degli Stati Uniti d'America di far conoscere le sue vedute in merito alle disposizioni di cui sopra e di comunicarne la data di entrata in vigore.

Roma, il 28 settembre 1948.

MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

All'Ambasciata  
degli Stati Uniti d'America  
Roma

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs was pleased to learn from the American Embassy's pro memoria, no. 308 of June 27, 1947, and from subsequent communications, that its Government is prepared to grant to Italian citizens intending to go to the United States for a temporary stay non-immigrant visas valid for presentation at a port of disembarkation one or more times in a two-year period. Such visa will have the validity of the passport on which it is placed for a maximum period of two years.

The Italian central authorities will make their decision known with reference to the applications of United States citizens for a long stay within two months after receipt of the respective applications. It would be appreciated if, within the same period, the consuls of the United States of America would undertake to accept the applications of Italian citizens desiring to obtain a non-immigrant visa or make known their reasons in case of refusal.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honor to request the Embassy of the United States of America to make its views known with respect to the provisions alluded to above and to communicate the date of entry into force.

Rome, September 28, 1948.

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The Embassy of the  
United States of America  
Rome

## II

*The American Embassy to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

F.O. No. 1887

## NOTE VERBALE

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and has the honor to acknowledge with pleasure the Ministry's Note No. 04165/30 of September 28, 1948 regarding the decision of the Italian Government to waive from November 1, 1948 visas on passports of United States citizens who intend to transit through Italy or stay in Italy for not exceeding three consecutive months, with the privilege of extension for a maximum period of three months.

American consular offices are being instructed by the Department of State, effective November 1, 1948, to grant non-immigrant visas valid for 24 months to Italian subjects classified as temporary visitors under Section 3(2) of the United States Immigration Act of 1924, as amended, as long as visa requirements are waived for American citizens proceeding to Italy for a visit, or in transit. The 24 months' period of validity will apply only to temporary visitors classified under Section 3(2) of the Act; visas issued to government officials and members of international organizations under Sections 3(1) and 3(7) of the Act, will continue to be issued valid for twelve months. The waiver of passport visa fees for non-immigrant temporary visitors is continued.

In considering the period of validity for two years it should be understood that the visas granted would be valid for presentation at a port of entry at any time, or any number of times, during the two-year period. It would have no relation to the period of stay in the country which may be granted to the bearer of such a visa if he is admitted into the country after inspection at the port of entry. In accordance with existing procedure, the immigration officials at the port of entry would continue to specify the authorized length of stay of an alien for each visit. In general the passport of an alien must be valid for a period of at least 60 days beyond the period of the alien's contemplated stay in the United States.

No visa granted for a period of two years would be valid for such period unless the passport or other acceptable travel document of the bearer is valid for such period. However, if the passport or travel document is not valid for the full period of two years at the time the visa is granted the passport or travel document may be extended by the issuing authority for the full period of two years or more, in which event the visa would be considered as valid for the full period of two years.

The Embassy notes that the Italian authorities will take action on applications for longer sojourns of United States citizens within two months and agrees, insofar as possible within the limits of American law, to act on applications for visas submitted by Italian citizens within the same period of time.

Rome, September 29, 1948.

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To the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Rome

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