

No. 1138

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
AUSTRIA**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to  
passport visa fees. Vienna, 10 and 28 June and  
12 July 1949**

*Official texts: English and German.*

*Registered by the United States of America on 5 April 1951.*

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
et  
AUTRICHE**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif au tarif  
des visas de passeport. Vienne, 10 et 28 juin et 12 juillet  
1949**

*Textes officiels anglais et allemand.*

*Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 5 avril 1951.*

No. 1138. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND AUSTRIA RELATING TO PASSPORT VISA FEES. VIENNA, 10 AND 28 JUNE AND 12 JULY 1949

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*The American Legation to the Austrian Federal Chancellery, Department of Foreign Affairs*

THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 55

The Legation of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Federal Chancellery, Department of Foreign Affairs, and has the honor to inform the Federal Chancellery that the Government of the United States understands that the Austrian Government will consider the question of waiving visa requirements, but not passport requirements, for American citizens proceeding to Austria who desire to remain therein for a temporary period of time.

Even if the Austrian Government should decide to waive visa requirements for American citizens proceeding to Austria, the Government of the United States would be unable to accord identical courtesies to Austrian nationals proceeding to the United States and its possessions because of the provisions of Section 30, Alien Registration Act of 1940, approved June 28, 1940 (54 Stat. 673), which require that each alien entering the United States, except in emergency cases in which the visa requirements may be waived by the Secretary of State, be in possession of a valid visa or other valid permit to enter. However, the Government of the United States will consider the question of granting passport visas without fees, to be valid for any number of applications for admission into the United States within a period of twenty-four months, instead of the present twelve-month period of validity of such visas, to Austrian nationals who are proceeding to the United States and its possessions for business or pleasure purposes and who are bona fide non-immigrants within the meaning of the immigration laws of the United States, provided the Austrian passport of each bearer remains valid during the period of validity of the visa.

All other classes of non-immigrant passport visas granted Austrian nationals will continue to be valid, as at present, for a period of twelve months, provided the Austrian passport of each bearer remains valid for that period of time.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 12 July 1949, by the exchange of the said notes, and, according to their terms, became operative on 15 July 1949.

The period of validity of a visa relates only to the period within which it may be used in connection with an application for admission at a port of entry into the United States and its possessions, and not to the length of stay in the United States which may be permitted the bearer after he is admitted. The period of stay will, as at present, continue to be determined by the Immigration authorities.

A fee for an immigration visa and application therefor to permit an alien to apply for admission into the United States with the privilege of residing permanently therein is \$10.00. The amount of this fee is prescribed by the Immigration Act of 1924, and it may not be changed on the basis of a reciprocal arrangement.

The Legation would appreciate being informed as soon as conveniently possible whether the arrangement proposed by the Government of the United States meets with the approval of the Austrian Government.

G W R

Vienna, June 10, 1949  
To the Federal Chancellery  
Department of Foreign Affairs  
Vienna

## II

*The Austrian Federal Chancellery, Department of Foreign Affairs,  
to the American Legation*

GERMAN TEXT — TEXTE ALLEMAND

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

BUNDESKANZLERAMT  
AUSWÄRTIGE ANGELEGENHEITEN  
Zl. 139.051-6RR/49.

Wien

FEDERAL CHANCELLERY  
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
Zl. 139.051.-6RR/49.

Vienna

## VERBALNOTE

## NOTE VERBALE

Mit Bezug auf die Verbalnote der Gesandtschaft der Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika No. 55 vom 10. Juni l. J. beehrt sich das Bundeskanzleramt, Auswärtige Angelegenheiten, zur Kenntnis zu bringen, dass österreichischerseits dem von der Regierung

With reference to note verbale No. 55 of June 10, 1949, from the Legation of the United States of America, the Federal Chancellery, Department of Foreign Affairs, has the honor to notify you that the arrangement proposed by the Government of

<sup>1</sup> Translation by the Government of the United States of America.

<sup>2</sup> Traduction du Gouvernement des États-Unis d'Amérique.

the United States and its possessions, for business or pleasure purposes and who are bona fide non-immigrants within the meaning of the immigration laws of the United States, provided the Austrian passport of each bearer remains valid during the period of validity of the visas.

G W R

Vienna, July 12, 1949

To the Federal Chancellery  
Department of Foreign Affairs  
Vienna

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