

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
NORWAY

Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to passport visa requirements. Washington, 7 and 29 July 1947

Exchange of notes constituting an agreement supplementary to the above-mentioned agreement. Washington, 10 September and 19 October 1948

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ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
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NORVÈGE

Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif au tarif des visas de passeport. Washington, 7 et 29 juillet 1947

Échange de notes constituant un accord additionnel à l'accord susmentionné. Washington, 10 septembre et 19 octobre 1948

Texte officiel anglais.

Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 19 avril 1951.

No. 1178. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND NORWAY RELATING TO PASSPORT VISA REQUIREMENTS. WASHINGTON, 7 AND 29 JULY 1947

I

The Norwegian Ambassador to the Secretary of State

NORWEGIAN EMBASSY
WASHINGTON 7, D. C.

July 7, 1947

Excellency :

With reference to recent conversations between representatives of the Department of State and representatives of the Royal Norwegian Embassy, relative to mutual waiver of visa requirements for non-immigrants, I have the honor to propose that the following agreement be effected between the Government of Norway and the Government of the United States of America :

" The Norwegian Government on and after August 1, 1947, will waive visa requirements, but not passport requirements for American citizens proceeding to continental Norway, and will waive the passport visa fees for American citizens proceeding to Norwegian territory outside continental Norway. American citizens, who desire to take employment in Norway or to stay there for a long period of time, will be required to obtain a permit, except in the cases of officials of the United States Government, their families, servants and employees. Any number of entries may be made into Norway without a visa.

"Effective on and after August 1, 1947, the Government of the United States of America will waive the passport visa fees for citizens or subjects of Norway, who are bona fide non-immigrants within the meaning of the immigration laws of the United States, and who are proceeding to the United States and possessions. A non-immigrant passport visa granted by an American Consular Officer to a Norwegian citizen or subject is valid for any number of applications for admission within a period of twenty-four months from date of issuance, provided the passport of the bearer is valid for that period."

¹ Came into force on 29 July 1947, by the exchange of the said notes, and, according to their terms, became operative on 1 August 1947.

In case Your Excellency's Government consents to the above form, your reply to that effect will be considered sufficient by my Government for the purpose of concluding the proposed agreement.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

W. MORGENSTIERNE

His Excellency George C. Marshall
Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.

No. : 257

II

The Secretary of State to the Norwegian Ambassador

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

July 29, 1947

Excellency :

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note no. 257 dated July 7, 1947 stating that the Norwegian Government is willing, on and after August 1, 1947, to waive the visa fees for United States citizens who are non-immigrants proceeding to Norway and to abolish the requirement for such visa, but not the passport, for United States citizens proceeding to continental Norway.

The United States Government has authorized its consular officers, effective August 1, 1947, to waive the fee for the visa and application therefor for non-immigrants, other than officials, proceeding to the United States and its possessions who are subjects of Norway, the visa to be valid for any number of entries into the United States and its possessions within a period of twenty-four (24) months, provided that they hold valid Norwegian passports and the holder of the visa continues to maintain non-immigrant status. The period of validity of the visa relates to the period within which it may be used for presentation at a port of entry and not to the length of stay in the United States which will continue to be a matter for determination by the immigration or other authorities.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State :

N. ARMOUR

His Excellency Wilhelm Munthe de Morgenstierne
Ambassador of Norway

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ SUPPLEMENTARY TO THE AGREEMENT OF 7 AND 29 JULY 1947.
WASHINGTON, 10 SEPTEMBER AND 19 OCTOBER 1948

I

The Norwegian Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Secretary of State

NORWEGIAN EMBASSY
WASHINGTON 7, D. C.

No. : 257

The Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Norway presents his compliments to His Excellency the Secretary of State and, acting upon instructions from the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, has the honor to inform the Secretary that notwithstanding the exchange of notes of the 7th and 29th of July, 1947, according to which a visa is required for American citizens proceeding to Norwegian territory outside continental Norway, a visa will not be required for American citizens travelling to Svalbard (Spitsbergen).

Further the Secretary is informed that visa-requirements for American citizens proceeding to Jan Mayen, and the Norwegian Dependencies Bouvet Island, Peter I's Island and Queen Maud Land are temporarily suspended.²

Washington, D. C., September 10, 1948.

II

The Acting Secretary of State to the Norwegian Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

The Acting Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Norway and acknowledges the receipt of the Embassy's note No. 257 of September 10, 1948, wherein it is stated that visas will not be required for American citizens proceeding to Svalbard (Spitsbergen), and that visa requirements for American citizens proceeding to Jan Mayen, and the Norwegian Dependencies Bouvet Island, Peter I's Island and Queen Maud Land are temporarily suspended.

HJI.

Department of State
Washington, October 19, 1948

¹ Came into force on 19 October 1948, by the exchange of the said notes.

² The following information is provided by the Department of State of the United States of America (*Treaties and Other International Acts Series 1884*, p. 1, footnote 2): "The Norwegian Embassy, Sept. 30, 1948, informed the Department of State that the term 'temporarily suspended' means 'temporarily waived'."