

No. 2656

SWEDEN, DENMARK, FINLAND and NORWAY

**Agreement for the readmittance of aliens who have illegally entered the territory of another contracting party.
Signed at Stockholm, on 14 July 1952**

Official texts: Swedish, Danish, Finnish and Norwegian.

Registered by Sweden on 12 August 1954.

SUÈDE, DANEMARK, FINLANDE et NORVÈGE

**Accord prévoyant la réadmission des étrangers qui sont entrés illégalement sur le territoire d'un de ces pays.
Signé à Stockholm, le 14 juillet 1952**

Textes officiels suédois, danois, finnois et norvégien.

Enregistré par la Suède le 12 août 1954.

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 2656 AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN SWEDEN, DENMARK, FINLAND AND NORWAY FOR THE READMITTANCE OF ALIENS WHO HAVE ILLEGALLY ENTERED THE TERRITORY OF ANOTHER CONTRACTING PARTY. SIGNED AT STOCKHOLM, ON 14 JULY 1952

The Swedish, Danish, Finnish and Norwegian Governments, each of which has decided that as from 12 July 1952 nationals of Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Norway shall no longer be required to have a passport or other travel document when travelling directly from any one to any other of those countries,² have, with a view to preventing unauthorized persons from availing themselves of these facilities for inter-Scandinavian travel, made the following agreement :

Article 1

This Agreement shall apply to all aliens except Swedish, Danish, Finnish and Norwegian nationals.

Article 2

Each of the contracting States agrees that where a person to whom this Agreement applies takes advantage of the abolition of passports between the contracting States in order to travel directly from one such State to another without proper authorization, where such is required, or in some other unauthorized manner, such person shall be readmitted by the State from which he departed.

This provision shall not, however, apply to an alien who has been resident in the country requesting readmission for at least one year reckoned from his illegal entry into the country up to the date on which a request is made to the authority mentioned in article 3, or who, after illegally entering the country, has obtained a residence or work permit.

Article 3

Before a person can be sent back under this Agreement, a written request for his readmittance, accompanied by two copies of a report on the case, must be sent to the competent authority in the country to which he is to be returned. That authority shall, as soon as possible but not later than ten days after receipt of the request, state whether the person concerned can be readmitted or what investigations, if any, have been undertaken. If doubt arises concerning the

¹ Came into force retroactively on 12 July 1952 in accordance with article 5.

² See p. 37 of this volume.

applicability of the Agreement in a particular case, the matter shall be dealt with through the diplomatic channel.

The authorities referred to in the preceding paragraph are :

in Sweden : State Aliens Commission;
in Denmark : National Director of Police, Aliens Department;
in Finland : Ministry of Internal Affairs, Aliens Office;
in Norway : Central Passport Office.

Article 4

For the purpose of giving effect to this Agreement, each contracting State undertakes to supply at the request of any other such State and through the authorities mentioned in article 3, information concerning the entry into, departure from and residence, if any, within its territory of persons who have, or are suspected of having, abused the privileges arising from the abolition of passports.

Article 5

This Agreement shall be deemed to have come into force on 12 July 1952 and shall apply to persons referred to in article 1 who enter any of the contracting States after that date.

Article 6

Each contracting State may, in respect of any of the other States, denounce the Agreement subject to six months' notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the respective plenipotentiaries have signed this Agreement and have thereto affixed their seals.

DONE at Stockholm on 14 July 1952 in a single original in the Swedish, Danish, Finnish and Norwegian languages.

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