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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
JAPAN**

**Exchange of memoranda and notes constituting an agreement relating to passport visa fees. Tokyo, 21 May, 12 and 26 August and 18 September 1952**

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No. 3133. EXCHANGE OF MEMORANDA AND NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND JAPAN RELATING TO PASSPORT VISA FEES. TOKYO, 21 MAY, 12 AND 26 AUGUST AND 18 SEPTEMBER 1952

I

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

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

MEMORANDUM

The Embassy of the United States of America transmits to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as of possible interest a list of countries and areas for whose nationals, and in some cases, residents, nonimmigrant passport visa fees have been reduced or abolished on reciprocal basis by agreement between the United States and the countries listed.

If the Japanese Government is prepared to waive or reduce to an amount less than \$10.00 the fee for a visa to permit an American citizen in possession of a valid American passport to apply for admission into Japanese territory for a temporary stay, the Government of the United States is prepared to waive or reduce on a reciprocal basis fees for the granting of nonimmigrant passport visas to eligible Japanese citizens who are in possession of valid Japanese passports and who are bona fide nonimmigrants within the meaning of United States law.

The normal validity of a nonimmigrant passport visa granted to an alien is twelve months and generally such a visa is valid for any number of applications for admission within the period of validity of the visa, provided the passport of the bearer remains valid during the period of validity of the visa.

The period of validity of a nonimmigrant passport visa relates only to the period within which it may be used in connection with an application at a port of entry for admission 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 granted an alien is determined by the Immigration authorities at the time the alien is admitted.

R.M.

Enclosure :

List of Passport Visa Fees

Tokyo, May 21, 1952

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 18 September 1952 by the exchange of the said memoranda and notes.

May 21, 1952

Reference: Visa Circular 101, unless otherwise indicated.

## PASSPORT VISA FEES

List of countries and areas for whose nationals, and in some cases, residents, nonimmigrant passport visa fees have been reduced or abolished.

| <i>Country</i>  | <i>Fee</i> | <i>Remarks</i>   | <i>Ref.</i> |
|---|------------|--|-------------|
| Argentina   | Gratis     |  |             |
| Australia   | Gratis     |  | VC 147      |
| Austria   | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months  |             |
| Bahama Islands  | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months  |             |
| Barbados  | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months  |             |
| Belgium (Not including Belgian Congo)   | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months  |             |
| Bermuda   | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months  |             |
| Brazil  | Gratis     | Applies only to citizens domiciled in Brazil   |             |
| Canada  | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months  |             |
| Chile   | \$1.75     |  | VC 253      |
|   | Gratis     | Single entry   |             |
|   | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months for PLEASURE   |             |
| China   | \$2.50     |  |             |
| Columbia  | Gratis     | Valid for single entry within 60 days  | VC 274      |
| Costa Rica  | Gratis     |  |             |
| Cuba  | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months  |             |
| Denmark   | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months  |             |
| Dominican Republic  | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months  | VC 170      |
| Ecuador   | Gratis     |  |             |
| Egypt   | \$2.00     |  |             |
| El Salvador   | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months  |             |
| Finland   | Gratis     |  |             |
| France :  |            |  |             |
| 3(2)  | \$3.50     | Valid 12 months  |             |
| 3(2)  | \$6.75     | Valid 24 months  |             |
| 3(3) Visa   | \$2.25     | One journey  |             |
| <p>(French nationals resident in Metropolitan France, Andorra, Algeria, Morocco, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Guiana, Reunion, Tunisia, and Territory of the Saar, and French members of delegations representing war-veteran organizations temporarily visiting the US will granted GRATIS nonimmigrant passport visas, and such French nationals who are proceeding to the United States as temporary visitors within the meaning of Section 3(2), may be granted nonimmigrant passport visas valid for 24 months. All other French nationals are subject to the prescribed fee. French nationals not entitled to gratis passport visas are also not entitled to Transit Certificates (which are always gratis).</p> |            |  |             |
| Great Britain   | \$2.00     | Reduction applies to all holders of British passports not otherwise exempt from payment of fees. See United Kingdom below. |             |
| Greece  | \$5.00     | 3(2)s valid 24 months<br>NO TRANSIT CERTIFICATES PERMITTED   | VC 211      |
| Guatemala   | Gratis     |  |             |
| Guiana (British)  | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months  |             |
| Haiti   | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months  | VC 165      |

| <i>Country</i>   | <i>Fee</i> | <i>Remarks</i>  | <i>Ref.</i> |
|--|------------|---|-------------|
| Honduras   | Gratis     |   |             |
| Honduras (British)   | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months                                   |             |
| Iceland  | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months                                   |             |
| India  | \$2.00     |   |             |
| Iran   | Gratis     |   |             |
| Iraq   | \$2.00     |   |             |
| Ireland  | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months                                   |             |
| Italy  | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months                                   |             |
| Jamaica  | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months                                   |             |
| Leeward Ids. BWI   | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months                                   |             |
| Liberia  | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months                                   |             |
| Liechtenstein  | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months                                   |             |
| Luxembourg   | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months                                   |             |
| Malta (Resident British subjects only)                           | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months                                   | VC 136      |
| Mexico   |            | See Visa Circular 199                                   |             |
| Miquelon :   |            |   |             |
| 3(2)   | \$3.50     | Valid 12 months   |             |
| 3(2)   | \$6.75     | Valid 24 months   |             |
| 3(3) Visa  | \$2.25     | Valid for one journey<br>(See Remarks under " French ") |             |
| Monaco   | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months                                   |             |
| Morocco (French)   | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months                                   |             |
| Netherlands  | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months                                   |             |
| Netherlands East Indies  | Gratis     |   |             |
| Netherlands West Indies  | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months                                   |             |
| New Zealand  | \$2.00     | 3(2)s valid 24 months                                   |             |
| Nicaragua  | Gratis     |   |             |
| Norway   | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months                                   |             |
| Pakistan   | \$2.00     |   | VC 124      |
| Panama   | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months                                   |             |
| Peru   | Gratis     |   |             |
| Portugal (Citizen-residents of continental Portugal and Madeira) | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months                                   | VC 183/239  |
| Siam   | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months                                   |             |
| Southern Rhodesia (British subject-residents)                    | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months                                   |             |
| Spain (except Spaniards resident in certain areas)               | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months                                   | See VC 388  |
| St. Pierre :   |            |   |             |
| 3(2)   | \$3.50     | Valid 12 months   |             |
| 3(2)   | \$6.75     | Valid 24 months   |             |
| 3(3) Visa  | \$2.25     | Valid one journey<br>(See Remarks under " French ")     |             |
| Surinam  | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months                                   |             |
| Sweden   | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months                                   |             |
| Switzerland  | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months                                   |             |
| Trinidad   | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months                                   |             |
| United Kingdom   | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months                                   |             |
| Uruguay  | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months                                   | VC 127      |
| Venezuela  | \$2.00     |   |             |
| Windward Ids. BWI  | Gratis     | 3(2)s valid 24 months                                   |             |
| Yugoslavia   | \$2.00     |   |             |

## II

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

THE GAIMUSHO

No. 536/EA1

## MEMORANDUM

With reference to its Note Verbale EA1 No. 381 of July 18, 1952,<sup>1</sup> and in response to the Memorandum of the Embassy of the United States of America in Japan dated May 21, 1952, reading in part:

“ If the Japanese Government is prepared to waive or reduce to an amount less than \$10.00 the fee for a visa to permit an American citizen in possession of a valid American passport to apply for admission into Japanese territory for a temporary stay, the Government of the United States of America is prepared to waive or reduce on a reciprocal basis fees for the granting of nonimmigrant passport visas to eligible Japanese citizens who are in possession of valid Japanese passports and who are bona fide nonimmigrants within the meaning of United States law ”

the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs begs to inform the Embassy as under:

The Japanese Government is prepared to agree to waiving on reciprocal basis the fee for a visa to permit an American citizen in possession of a valid American passport to apply for admission into Japan for a temporary stay and who is recognized as eligible within the meaning of the relevant Japanese laws on the condition that the Government of the United States waives the fee for the granting of nonimmigrant visa to eligible Japanese national who is in possession of valid Japanese passport and who is bona fide nonimmigrant within the meaning of the United States law.

The Ministry requests, in connection with the waiving of the fee for visa, that a favourable consideration be given by the Government of the United States toward its waiving on reciprocal basis the head tax for all Japanese nationals entering the United States in view of the fact that no head tax is being levied by the Japanese Government on foreign nationals entering Japan.

Tokyo, August 12, 1952

Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Japan

<sup>1</sup> The following information is given by the Department of State of the United States of America (*Treaties and Other International Acts Series 2930*, p. 5, footnote 1): “ Should read ‘ July 16, 1952 ’.—Not printed.”

## III

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

## THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 429

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Ministry's Memorandum No. 536/EA1 of August 12, 1952, in which the Ministry states: "The Japanese Government is prepared to agree to waiving on reciprocal basis the fee for a visa to permit an American citizen in possession of a valid American passport to apply for admission into Japan for a temporary stay and who is recognized as eligible within the meaning of the relevant Japanese laws on the condition that the Government of the United States waives the fee for the granting of nonimmigrant visa to eligible Japanese national who is in possession of valid Japanese passport and who is bona fide nonimmigrant within the meaning of the United States law."

The Embassy proposes, accordingly, that the reciprocal waiver of non-immigrant visa fees become effective on October 1, 1952 and would be grateful for a communication from the Ministry expressing its concurrence.

The Embassy notes that the Ministry requests, in connection with the waiving of the fee for visa, that favorable consideration be given by the Government of the United States toward its waiving on a reciprocal basis the head tax for all Japanese nationals entering the United States in view of the fact that no head tax is being levied by the Japanese Government on foreign nationals entering Japan.

Under the laws at present in effect the Government of the United States is unable to waive the head tax on foreign nationals entering the United States. Under the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act which becomes effective on December 24, 1952,<sup>1</sup> however, no head tax will be collected from foreign nationals entering the United States and the Government of the United States will thus accede to the request of the Ministry on that date.

W. G. R.

[SEAL]

American Embassy

Tokyo, August 26, 1952

<sup>1</sup> United States of America : 66 Stat. 163; U.S.C. § 1101 *et seq.*

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

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

No. 729/EA1

NOTE VERBALE

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the note verbale dated August 26, 1952, proposing that the Government of the United States of America enforce, from October 1, 1952, exemption of the visa fees of nonimmigrant passports for the Japanese nationals who possess effective passports and bona fides, nonimmigrant and qualified citizens within the limits stipulated by the law of the United States of America, on a reciprocal basis.

Upon consultation with the government offices concerned, this Ministry takes pleasure in replying that it shall accept the above proposal and that the Japanese Government shall exempt, after October 1, 1952, fees for visa of passports for the United States citizens who possess effective passports of the U. S. A. and visit Japan with qualifications to stay for a period of less than one year as stipulated in laws and regulations of Japan.

This Ministry also takes pleasure in informing the Embassy that it has received the information as stated in the latter part of the said note verbale to the effect that the head tax on Japanese citizens, in connection with the said subject of visa fees, shall not be collected from December 24, 1952, pursuant to the stipulations of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

September 18, 1952

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

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