

No. 3456

**NETHERLANDS
and
FRANCE**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning
the mutual abolition of visas. Paris, 27 March 1946**

Official text: French.

Registered by the Netherlands on 29 June 1956.

**PAYS-BAS
et
FRANCE**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à la
suppression réciproque des visas. Paris, 27 mars
1946**

Texte officiel français.

Enregistré par les Pays-Bas le 29 juin 1956.

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 3456. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE NETHERLANDS AND FRANCE CONCERNING THE MUTUAL ABOLITION OF VISAS. PARIS, 27 MARCH 1946

I

THE FRENCH REPUBLIC
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

General Office of Administrative Affairs

Paris, 27 March 1946

Your Excellency,

Pending the complete re-establishment of the pre-war régime with regard to freedom of travel, facilities in this regard shall be accorded in the following circumstances :

(1) French and Netherlands nationals shall be free to travel to or through the European territory of the other State if they have :

(a) In the case of French nationals : a diplomatic, service or ordinary passport issued or renewed within one year ;

(b) In the case of Netherlands nationals : a valid diplomatic, consular, service or ordinary passport.

The foregoing provisions shall not preclude the application :

In France, of the French regulation concerning the residence of aliens whereby the period of residence of any person not having a residence document is limited to a maximum of two months ;

In the Netherlands, of the regulation which makes the issuance of a residence permit, whether temporary or permanent, subject to the decision of the Aliens Control Office.

(2) Each Government reserves for the time being the right to require the nationals of the other contracting country to obtain in advance a visa for passage through its territory to such States as it may designate. In such case, the French Government shall notify the Netherlands Government, and vice versa.

Air transit over the European territory of either country shall not require a visa.

¹ Came into force on 15 April 1946, in accordance with the terms of the said notes.

(3) A child under fifteen years of age shall not require a passport if he is listed on the travel document of the persons accompanying him.

(4) Exit and re-entry visas for the Netherlands shall not be required of French nationals resident in the Netherlands. Exit and re-entry visas for France shall not be required of Netherlands nationals resident in France.

The foregoing provisions shall come into force on 15 April 1946.

I have the honour to be, etc.

For the Minister of Foreign Affairs and by delegation :

(Signed) [illegible]
Ambassador of France
Conseiller d'État
Secretary-General

His Excellency Jonkheer A. W. L. Tjarda van Starkenborgh Stachouwer
Ambassador of the Netherlands
Paris

II

Paris, 27 March 1946

No. 2776

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27 March 1946 concerning freedom of travel by French and Netherlands nationals.

The Netherlands Government gives its complete approval to the provisions set forth in your letter, pending the complete re-establishment of the pre-war régime.

The following provisions shall come into force on 15 April 1946.

[See note I]

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) A. W. L. TJARDA VAN STARKENBORGH

His Excellency Mr. Georges Bidault
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Paris

III

THE FRENCH REPUBLIC
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
General Office of Administrative affairs

Paris, 27 March 1946

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honour to inform the Netherlands Embassy that paragraph 2 of the letter despatched on this date refers to the French-Spanish border.

It is therefore still necessary for Netherlands nationals wishing to go to Spain by way of France to obtain in advance a visa for passage through France.

The Netherlands Embassy
Paris

IV

No. 2889

The Royal Embassy of the Netherlands has the honour to acknowledge receipt of the letter dated 27 March 1946 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, reading as follows :

[See note III]

The Embassy has carefully noted this communication, for which it thanks the Ministry.

Paris, 27 March 1946

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
General Office of Administrative Affairs
Paris