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**NETHERLANDS
and
SWITZERLAND**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning
the abolition of passport visas. Berne, 15 September
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**Échange de notes constituant un accord concernant l'aboli-
tion des visas. Berne, 15 septembre 1949**

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No. 3555. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS AND THE SWISS GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THE ABOLITION OF PASSPORT VISAS. BERNE, 15 SEPTEMBER 1949

I

FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT

p.B.35.51.P.B.10.-TH

The Federal Political Department has the honour to inform the Royal Netherlands Legation that, with a view to further facilitating communications between Switzerland and the Netherlands, the Federal authorities are prepared to replace the Agreement concluded on 25 October 1947, concerning the abolition of visas, with the following provisions :

1. Swiss nationals holding a valid national passport may enter the Netherlands without being required to obtain a visa beforehand. The foregoing provision applies only to admission to Netherlands territory in Europe and not to the Netherlands overseas territories.

2. Netherlands holders of a valid national passport may enter Switzerland without being required to obtain a visa beforehand. However, Netherlands subjects who do not possess Netherlands nationality are required to obtain a Swiss consular visa if they wish to enter Switzerland.

3. Persons of Netherlands nationality wishing to enter Switzerland for the purpose of taking up employment there are required to obtain beforehand, through a Swiss representative abroad or their future employer, an assurance that they will be granted a residence permit.

Swiss nationals wishing to enter the Netherlands for the purpose of taking up employment there are required to obtain beforehand, through their future employer, a certified copy of the Netherlands National Labour Office (Rijksarbeidsbureau) work permit issued to the employer.

4. It is understood that exemption from the visa requirement does not relieve Swiss and Netherlands nationals proceeding to the Netherlands and Switzerland respectively of the obligation to comply with the local laws and regulations concerning the entry and residence (temporary or permanent) of aliens and their taking up of employment or practice of a profession.

¹ Came into force on 15 October 1949 by the exchange of the said notes. This Agreement supersedes the Agreement concluded on 25 October 1947 concerning the abolition of visas.

5. It is agreed that the present Agreement is also applicable to the Principality of Liechtenstein. Liechtenstein nationals will thus enjoy the same facilities for travel to the Netherlands as Swiss nationals, and Netherlands nationals will be able to travel to the Principality of Liechtenstein under the same conditions as to Switzerland.

6. The present Agreement supersedes the Agreement of 25 October 1947.

The Political Department would be glad if the Legation would inform it of the Netherlands Government's agreement to the foregoing, this note and the Legation's reply being considered as constituting the agreement concluded between the two Governments.

The Department has the honour to be, etc.

Berne, 15 September 1949

The Netherlands Legation
Berne

II

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The Royal Netherlands Legation presents its compliments to the Federal Political Department and has the honour to refer to the Department's note, p.B.35.51.P.B.10.-TH, of 15 September, informing the Legation that, with a view to facilitating communications between the Netherlands and Switzerland and to strengthening the bonds already existing between the two countries, the Federal authorities are prepared to replace the Agreement concluded on 25 October 1947, concerning the abolition of visas, with the following provisions :

[*See note I*]

The Legation has been instructed by the Netherlands Government to inform the Federal Political Department that it considers the Department's note mentioned above and the present reply as constituting the agreement concluded between the two Governments.

The Legation has the honour to be, etc.

Berne, 15 September 1949

Federal Political Department
Berne