

No. 3941

**UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA
and
AUSTRIA**

**Exchange of notes constituting a visa agreement. Cape
Town, 11 June 1957**

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**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif aux visas.
Le Cap, 11 juin 1957**

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No. 3941. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING A VISA AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA AND AUSTRIA. CAPE TOWN, 11 JUNE 1957

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21/41

Cape Town, 11th June 1957

Mr. Minister,

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Union of South Africa being desirous of simplifying the existing visa formalities between our respective countries are prepared, on a basis of reciprocity, to enter into a Visa Agreement in the following terms :

(1) The Government of the Union of South Africa will order all visas to be issued gratis to citizens of Austria intending to visit the Union of South Africa or South West Africa for bona fide vacation or business purposes.

(2) The Government of Austria will order all visas to be issued gratis to citizens of the Union of South Africa intending to visit Austria for bona fide vacation or business purposes.

(3) These visas shall be made valid for one year from the date of issue and for multiple entries during that period.

(4) This Agreement shall not exempt South African citizens or Austrian citizens from the obligation of complying with the requirements in respect of admission, residence and employment on entering Austria and South Africa respectively.

(5) Persons who are not able to satisfy immigration and police authorities of their compliance with the abovementioned requirements are liable to be refused admission on arrival.

(6) This Agreement shall come into operation thirty days after the date of this exchange of notes and shall thereafter continue in force until the expiry of three calendar months from the date on which notice of termination shall have been given by either contracting Governments.

Should the foregoing text meet with the approval of the Government of Austria, I suggest that this note and your confirmatory reply thereto be regarded as constituting an agreement between our two countries.

Please accept, Mr. Minister, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

E. H. LOUW

Minister for External Affairs

W. Goertz Esq.

Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Austria
Cape Town

¹ Came into force on 11 July 1957, in accordance with the terms of the said notes.

Ich habe die Ehre, Ihnen, Herr Minister, mitzuteilen, dass die oesterreichische Bundesregierung, von den gleichen Absichten geleitet, die in der Note, welche ich die Ehre habe zu beantworten, zum Ausdruck kommen, mit dem Inhalt derselben einverstanden ist und den Austausch der Noten als Abkommen zwischen unseren beiden Regierungen betrachtet.

Genehmigen, Sie, Herr Minister, die erneute Versicherung meiner vorzueglichsten Hochachtung.

a.o. Gesandter und bev. Minister

An den Ehrenwerten Herrn E. H. Louw
Minister fuer Auswaertige Angelegenheiten
Kapstadt

AUSTRIAN LEGATION

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

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Cape Town, 11 June 1957

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note No. 21/41 of today's date, the agreed German text of which reads as follows:

[*See note I*]

I have the honour to inform you that the Austrian Federal Government, in pursuit of the aims set forth in the note to which I now have the honour to reply, agrees to the contents of the said note and regards the exchange of notes as an agreement between our two Governments.

I have the honour to be, etc.

Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary

Mr. E. H. Louw
Minister for External Affairs
Cape Town