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**NETHERLANDS  
and  
SWITZERLAND**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relative to  
the abolition of passports and visas. The Hague,  
29 March 1958**

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**PAYS-BAS  
et  
SUISSE**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à la suppression  
des passeports et des visas. La Haye, 29 mars 1958**

*Texte officiel français.*

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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 4741. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS AND THE SWISS FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RELATIVE TO THE ABOLITION OF PASSPORTS AND VISAS. THE HAGUE, 29 MARCH 1958

I

SWISS EMBASSY

The Swiss Embassy presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honour to inform it that, with a view to further facilitating the movement of persons between Switzerland and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Federal Authorities are prepared to replace the Agreement concluded on 15 September 1949,<sup>2</sup> concerning the abolition of visas, by the following provisions :

1. Swiss nationals may cross the frontier, without a visa, at any of the Netherlands frontier posts in Europe which are open to the movement of persons, on production of a valid national passport or of one that has expired not more than five years previously, or of a valid Swiss identity card of a standard type.

Children under the age of fifteen years may also cross the frontier on production of a valid children's *laissez-passer*. If their names are included in the passport of their parents or of the legal representatives of their parents, and they are travelling with them, such children do not require separate identity documents in order to cross the Netherlands frontier.

2. Netherlands nationals may cross the frontier, without a visa, at any of the Swiss frontier posts which are open to the movement of persons, on production of a valid national passport or of one which has expired not more than five years previously, or of a valid tourist's card (*Toeristenkaart*) of a standard type.

Children under the age of sixteen years whose names are included in the travel documents of their parents or of the legal representatives of their parents and who are travelling with them do not require separate identity documents in order to cross the Swiss frontier.

3. Swiss nationals wishing to remain in the Netherlands for more than three months must produce a valid national passport. In such cases, children under the age of fifteen years may produce a children's *laissez-passer* instead of a passport.

4. Netherlands nationals wishing to remain in Switzerland for more than three months must produce a valid national passport in order that the conditions of their stay

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 29 March 1958, with retroactive effect from 1 March 1958, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 252, p. 13.

may be determined. In addition, 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.

5. The State whose authorities have issued any one of the documents listed in articles 1 and 2 shall admit the holder of such document into its territory at any time, even if the nationality of the person concerned is disputed.

6. The right of the Swiss and Netherlands authorities to refuse to admit persons for reasons of security and public order or in case of a threat to other public interests shall not be restricted by this Agreement.

7. The provisions of the foregoing articles shall not affect the application of the general regulations for the supervision of aliens in force in each of the two States.

8. Each contracting State may temporarily suspend the application of this Agreement for reasons of public security and order or of public health.

Notice of such suspension shall be given immediately to the Government of the other contracting State through the diplomatic channel. The same action shall be taken when the measure is discontinued.

9. This Agreement is also applicable to relations between the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Netherlands.

10. This Agreement supersedes the Agreement of 15 September 1949.

11. This Agreement shall enter into force for a period of one year from the date of this exchange of notes, with retroactive effect from 1 March 1958. It will be deemed to have been extended for an indefinite period by tacit agreement unless, at least two months before the end of the first year, either of the two Governments shall have notified the other to the contrary.

Once it has been so extended, this Agreement shall cease to have effect three months after one of the two Governments notifies the other of its intention to terminate it.

The Swiss Embassy would be glad if the Ministry of Foreign Affairs would inform it of the Netherlands Government's agreement to the foregoing, this note and the reply of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs being considered as constituting the agreement concluded between the two Governments.

The Swiss Embassy has the honour to be, etc.

The Hague, 29 March 1958

Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
The Hague

## II

## MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Swiss Embassy and, with reference to the Embassy's note No. 25 of 29 March 1958, has the honour to inform it that, with a view to further facilitating the movement of persons between Switzerland and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Netherlands Government is prepared to replace the Agreement concluded on 15 September 1949, concerning the abolition of visas, by the following provisions :

[*See note I*]

The Ministry also has the honour to inform the Embassy that it considers the Embassy's note and this reply as constituting the agreement concluded between the two Governments.

The Hague, 29 March 1958

Swiss Embassy  
The Hague