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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND
and
NETHERLANDS**

**Exchange of notes (with annex) constituting an agreement
concerning arrangements to facilitate travel between
the United Kingdom and the Netherlands. London,
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**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD
et
PAYS-BAS**

**Échange de notes (avec annexe) constituant un accord re-
latif à des dispositions destinées à faciliter les voyages
entre le Royaume-Uni et les Pays-Bas. Londres, 1^{er} avril
1960**

Texte officiel anglais.

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13 septembre 1960.*

No. 5341. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS CONCERNING ARRANGEMENTS TO FACILITATE TRAVEL BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE NETHERLANDS. LONDON, 1 APRIL 1960

I

The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the Netherlands Ambassador at London

FOREIGN OFFICE

S. W. 1

No. TNN 3104/1

April 1, 1960

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that to facilitate travel between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and British oversea dependent territories the Government of the United Kingdom are prepared to conclude an Agreement with the Netherlands Government in the following terms :

1. Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 4 and 5 below Netherlands citizens holding valid Netherlands passports shall be free to travel from any place whatever to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man and to any of the territories named in Annex No. 1² to the present Note without the necessity of obtaining a visa.

2. Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 4 and 5 below, Netherlands citizens may enter and stay in the territory of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, provided their stay does not exceed three months and is not for employment, if they hold a valid Netherlands *Toeristenkaart (Identiteitskaart)* and a British Visitor's Card examples of each of which are attached to this Note as Annex Nos. 2³ and 3³ respectively.

3. Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 4 and 5 below, British subjects and British Protected Persons holding valid passports bearing on the cover the inscription "British

¹ Came into force on 10 April 1960, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

² See p. 282 of this volume.

³ Not reproduced in the copies of the Agreement transmitted for registration.

Passport" at the top, and at the bottom the inscription "United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland" or "Jersey" or "Guernsey and its Dependencies" or "Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland" or the name of a British overseas dependent territory and inside the description of the holder's national status as "British Subject", or "British Subject, Citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies" or "British Subject, Citizen of the United Kingdom, Islands and Colonies" or "British Subject, Citizen of the State of Singapore" or "British Subject, Citizen of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland" or "British Protected Person" shall be free to travel from any place whatever to the Netherlands without the necessity of obtaining a visa. However, British subjects and British Protected Persons wishing to proceed to the Netherlands for a stay exceeding three months should, before their departure, obtain a provisional residence authorisation from the competent Netherlands diplomatic or consular mission.

4. The provisions of paragraphs 1, 2 or 3 above shall not exempt Netherlands citizens proceeding to any British territory or British subjects or British Protected Persons proceeding to the Netherlands from the necessity of complying with, respectively, the laws and regulations of the British territory concerned, or of the Netherlands relating to the entry, residence (temporary or permanent) and employment or occupation of foreigners. Travellers who are unable to satisfy the competent authorities that they comply with these laws and regulations may be refused leave to enter or to land.

5. The right is reserved to the competent authorities of the Netherlands and of all British territories to refuse any person leave to enter or stay in the country concerned in any case where that person is regarded as undesirable by those authorities; or is otherwise ineligible under the general policy of the respective Governments relating to the entry or stay of aliens.

6. Each Government undertakes to take back to its territory at any time persons having entered the territory of the other Government under the terms of this Agreement.

7. Either Government may suspend the foregoing provisions in whole or in part temporarily for reasons of public order and/or national security and the suspension shall be notified immediately to the other Government through the diplomatic channel.

8. The present Agreement shall supersede the Agreement for the Reciprocal Abolition of Visas between the United Kingdom and the Netherlands Government concluded in London on the 21st of March, 1947.¹

9. As far as the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands is concerned the present Agreement shall for the time being only apply to the territory of the Kingdom in Europe. The Agreement may, however, be extended to any of the other Parts of the Kingdom by means of a written notification from the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 11, p. 297; Vol. 86, p. 296; Vol. 117, p. 384; Vol. 175, p. 345; Vol. 218, p. 379; Vol. 264, p. 320; Vol. 267, p. 368, and Vol. 349, p. 311.

10. (a) The Agreement shall enter into force on the 10th of April, 1960, and shall remain in effect for a period of one year. Unless the Agreement is denounced by either Government at least two months before the expiry of this period, it shall thereafter remain in operation for an indefinite period, it being understood that either Government may at any time denounce the Agreement upon giving to the other six months' notice of their intention to do so.

(b) Either Government may, subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (a) terminate the application of the Agreement to any of the Parts of the Kingdom, referred to in Paragraph 9, and the territories named in Annex 1.

If the Netherlands Government are prepared to accept the foregoing provisions, I have the honour to suggest that the present Note and Your Excellency's reply in similar terms should be considered as placing on record the Agreement of the two Governments in this matter.

I have, &c.

For the Secretary of State :

R. T. CALLENDER

ANNEX 1

Aden.	Malta.
Bahamas.	Mauritius.
Barbados.	North Borneo.
Basutoland.	Northern Rhodesia.
Bechuanaland.	Nyasaland.
Bermuda.	St. Helena.
British Guiana.	Sarawak.
British Honduras.	Seychelles.
British Solomon Islands.	Sierra Leone.
Brunei.	Singapore.
Cyprus.	Somaliland.
Falkland Islands and Dependencies.	Southern Rhodesia.
Fiji.	Swaziland.
Gambia.	Tanganyika.
Gibraltar.	Trinidad and Tobago.
Gilbert and Ellice Islands.	Uganda.
Jamaica (including Turks and Caicos Islands and Cayman Islands).	Windward Islands :
Kenya.	Dominica.
Leeward Islands :	Grenada.
Antigua.	St. Lucia.
Montserrat.	St. Vincent.
St. Kitts—Nevis—Anguilla.	Zanzibar.
British Virgin Islands.	

II

The Netherlands Ambassador at London to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs

ROYAL NETHERLANDS EMBASSY

London, 1st April, 1960

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Note No. TNN 3104/1 of to-day's date in which you were good enough to inform me that in order to facilitate travel between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and British oversea dependent territories, the Government of the United Kingdom are prepared to conclude an agreement with the Netherlands Government in the following terms :

[See note I]

On instructions from my Government I have the honour to confirm their agreement to the provisions set out in your letter which with the present reply shall be regarded as placing on record the agreement reached between the two Governments.

I have, &c.

A. BENTINCK