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**ISRAEL
and
SWITZERLAND**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning
visas. Bern, 1 May 1967**

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**ISRAËL
et
SUISSE**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif aux visas.
Berne, 1^{er} mai 1967**

Texte officiel français.

Enregistré par Israël le 13 février 1968.

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 8978. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SWITZERLAND CONCERNING VISAS. BERNE, 1 MAY 1967

I

FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND POLICE

The Federal Department of Justice and Police presents its compliments to the Embassy of Israël and has the honour to inform it that the Swiss Government is prepared to conclude with the Israel Government an agreement on the reciprocal abolition of visas, in the following terms:

1. Swiss nationals and nationals of the Principality of Liechtenstein who hold a valid national passport may enter, stay in and travel in transit through Israel without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance.
2. Israel nationals who hold a valid national passport may enter, stay in and travel in transit through Switzerland and Liechtenstein without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance.
3. Swiss nationals and nationals of the Principality of Liechtenstein who wish to remain for more than three months in Israel or to go to Israel in order to take up employment there must, before their departure, obtain an entry visa from the competent Israel diplomatic or consular mission.
4. Israel nationals who wish to remain for more than three months in Switzerland or Liechtenstein or to go to Switzerland or Liechtenstein in order to take up employment there must, before their departure, obtain an entry visa from the competent Swiss diplomatic or consular mission.
5. Swiss nationals and nationals of the Principality of Liechtenstein who are temporarily resident in Israel and who travel abroad shall not require a visa to return to Israel. Israel nationals who are resident in Switzerland or Liechtenstein and who travel abroad may also return to Switzerland or Liechtenstein without a visa.
6. The abolition of the visa shall also make it unnecessary to obtain an exit visa or to comply with any other formality in order to leave the contracting countries.
7. Each of the contracting States undertakes to readmit at any time and without formalities persons who have entered the territory of the other contracting State in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

¹ Came into force on 1 June 1967, thirty days after the exchange of the said notes, in accordance with paragraph 10.

8. The abolition of the visa shall not exempt Swiss and Liechtenstein nationals and Israel nationals proceeding to Israel, Switzerland or Liechtenstein respectively from the obligation to comply with the laws and regulations relating to the entry and stay of foreigners and to gainful employment or self-employment engaged in by foreigners.

9. The Swiss, Liechtenstein and Israel authorities reserve the right to refuse leave to enter or stay in their respective territories to persons whom they consider undesirable according to the principles of general policy applied in the matter by each Government.

10. This Agreement shall enter into force thirty days after the date of the exchange of notes and shall remain in force for one year. Unless it has been denounced one month before the expiry of that period, the Agreement shall be deemed to have been extended indefinitely. Each of the parties may denounce it on one month's notice after the initial period of one year.

11. Each contracting State may suspend this Agreement temporarily, in whole or in part, for reasons of public policy or public security. Such suspension shall be notified immediately to the other contracting State through the diplomatic channel.

The Federal Department of Justice and Police proposes that this note and the Israel Embassy's reply in similar terms should constitute the Agreement between the two Governments.

The Federal Department of Justice and Police takes this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of Israel the assurances of its highest consideration.

Berne, 1 May 1967
Embassy of Israel
3000 Berne

II

EMBASSY OF ISRAEL

The Embassy of Israel presents its compliments to the Federal Department of Justice and Police and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of its note of 1 May 1967 which reads as follows:

[See note I]

The Israel Embassy has the honour to inform the Federal Department of Justice and Police that its Government agrees to the contents of the above-mentioned note.

The Israel Embassy takes this opportunity to renew to the Federal Department of Justice and Police the assurances of its highest consideration.

Berne, 1 May 1967
Federal Department of Justice and Police
Berne