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EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND AND THE GOVERNMENT
OF ICELAND FOR THE ABOLITION OF VISA REQUIREMENTS

I

*His Excellency Mr. Niels P. Sigurdson, Ambassador of Iceland to the United Kingdom, to
His Excellency Mr. T. H. McCombs, O.B.E., High Commissioner for New Zealand
in the United Kingdom*

London, 12 December 1973

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to recent discussions between representatives of our two Governments concerning arrangements to facilitate travel between our two countries and to suggest that a visa agreement in the following terms be concluded between the Government of New Zealand and the Government of Iceland.

1. Icelandic nationals holding valid Icelandic passports who wish to visit New Zealand as temporary visitors for not more than three months shall not be required to obtain visas.

2. Icelandic nationals who wish to enter New Zealand, and who are not entitled to exemption in terms of the foregoing paragraph, shall be subject to the requirements of New Zealand concerning visas.

3. (a) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, the Icelandic Government will waive visa requirements for New Zealand citizens holding valid New Zealand passports who wish to enter Iceland as bona fide non-immigrants.

(b) New Zealand citizens holding valid New Zealand passports who wish to stay in Iceland for more than three months after their entry into one of the countries party to the Convention between Finland, Denmark, Sweden and Norway dated July 12, 1957,² regarding the abolition of Passport control at Inter-Nordic Boundaries, to which Iceland became a party in 1965, from a country not a party to the said Convention, shall apply for a residence permit in Iceland.

(c) The time limit of three months referred to in the foregoing subparagraph will be calculated from the date of a person's last entry from a non-Nordic country into any one of the Nordic countries party to the above-mentioned Convention, provided, however, that a visitor who, during the six months immediately preceding any such entry, has been staying in any one of the Nordic countries party to the said Convention will have such period of stay deducted from the said period of three months.

4. New Zealand citizens who wish to enter Iceland and who are not entitled to exemption in terms of paragraph 3, subparagraph (a), shall be subject to the requirements of Iceland concerning visas.

5. (a) The foregoing shall not exempt Icelandic nationals entering New Zealand, and New Zealand citizens entering Iceland, from the necessity of complying with any requirements of New Zealand and Iceland respectively regarding entry, residence (whether temporary or permanent), exit and employment or occupation of foreigners, and persons who are unable to satisfy the respective immigration authorities that they comply with these requirements shall be liable to be refused permission to enter or land.

(b) Visas, entry permits, permits to stay, and labour permits, when required and granted by the respective immigration authorities, will however be issued free of charge.

¹ Came into force on 1 February 1974, in accordance with the provisions of the said letters.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 332, p. 245.

6. For the purposes of the foregoing:

- (1) the term “temporary visitors” in paragraph 1 includes business visitors, but does not include persons who enter New Zealand with the intention of taking up employment or of engaging in a profession or occupation;
- (2) the term “New Zealand,” where used as a territorial description, includes the Cook Islands, Niue and the Tokelau Islands.

7. The present agreement shall enter into force on 1 February 1974, and shall remain in force until ninety days after the date on which either party notifies the other in writing of its desire to terminate the agreement.

If the foregoing terms are acceptable to the Government of New Zealand, I have the honour to propose that this letter and your reply thereto should constitute an agreement between our two Governments.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

NIELS P. SIGURDSON
Ambassador of Iceland

II

His Excellency Mr. T. H. McCombs, O.B.E., High Commissioner for New Zealand in the United Kingdom, to His Excellency Mr. Niels P. Sigurdson, Ambassador of Iceland to the United Kingdom

NEW ZEALAND HIGH COMMISSION
LONDON

12 December 1973

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of today's date, the text of which reads as follows:

[See letter I]

I have the honour to inform you that the foregoing terms are acceptable to the Government of New Zealand, and I accordingly agree that your letter and this reply should constitute an agreement between our two Governments.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

T. H. McCOMBS
High Commissioner for New Zealand