



Treaty Series No. 7 (1949)

Exchange of Notes

between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom
and the Government of Norway

extending the Agreement of 26th February, 1947
for the abolition of visas to Norwegian
Overseas Territories

London, 6th/13th September, 1948

*Presented by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to Parliament
by Command of His Majesty*

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No. 1

Monsieur R. Solum to Mr. Ernest Bevin
Royal Norwegian Embassy,

Sir, *London, 6th September, 1948.*

I HAVE the honour to refer to the Norwegian Ambassador's note of the 26th February, 1947⁽¹⁾, regarding the abolition of passport visas between Norway and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

I have now been instructed to inform you that, notwithstanding the stipulations in sub-paragraph (4) of Monsieur Prebensen's above-mentioned note, the Norwegian authorities will now no longer require British subjects, holding passports that conform to the provisions of sub-paragraph (2) of Monsieur Prebensen's note, to obtain visas for travel to Svalbard (Spitzbergen).

I have also the honour to inform you that until further notice British subjects holding such passports will no longer require a visa for travel to Jan Mayen and the Norwegian Overseas Territories (The Bouvet Island, Peter 1st Island, and Queen Maud's Land).

I have, &c.

R. SOLUM,
Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.

No. 2

Mr. Ernest Bevin to Monsieur R. Solum

Sir, *Foreign Office, 13th September, 1948.*

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Note of the 6th September, in which you were good enough to inform me that, notwithstanding the stipulations in sub-paragraph (4) of Monsieur Prebensen's Note of the 26th February, 1947, regarding the abolition of passport visas between Norway and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Norwegian authorities will now no longer require British passports belonging to British subjects from the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland to be visaed for travel to Svalbard (Spitzbergen). You added that, until further notice, British subjects from the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland will no longer require a visa for travel to Jan Mayen and the Norwegian Overseas Territories (The Bouvet Island, Peter 1st Island, and Queen Maud's Land).

2. I have the honour to inform you in reply that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom have noted with satisfaction the contents of your communication which will be brought to the knowledge of the authorities concerned.

I have, &c.

(Sd.) ERNEST BEVIN.

⁽¹⁾ "Treaty Series No. 16 (1947)," Cmd. 7073.