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Exchange of Notes

between the Government of the United Kingdom
of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and
the Government of Luxembourg

extending the Visa Abolition Agreement
of 14th February, 1947 to certain
British Overseas Territories

[with Annex]

London, 26th October, 1948

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

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14th FEBRUARY, 1947 TO CERTAIN BRITISH OVERSEAS
TERRITORIES**

London, 26th October, 1948

No. 1

The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the Luxembourg Minister

Your Excellency, *Foreign Office, 26th October, 1948.*

I HAVE the honour to refer to sub-paragraph 4 of the notes exchanged between us on 14th February, 1947⁽¹⁾, embodying an agreement for the reciprocal abolition of visas for British subjects travelling to Luxembourg and Luxembourg subjects travelling to the United Kingdom, and to inform you that, in accordance with their policy of extending freedom of travel, His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom have decided, after consultation with the Governments of the territories concerned, and without prejudice to the general application of sub-paragraph 2 of the above-mentioned notes, to extend the provisions of that agreement to Luxembourg subjects travelling to the territories mentioned in the Annex to this note.

2. Accordingly, it is proposed that on and after 10th November Luxembourg subjects shall be free to travel from any place whatever to any of the territories mentioned in the Annex without the necessity of obtaining a visa, provided that they are furnished with valid Luxembourg passports.

3.—(a) It is understood that the waiver of the visa does not exempt Luxembourg subjects travelling to any of the territories mentioned in the Annex from the necessity of complying with the laws and regulations in force in the particular territory concerning the entry into it, or residence (temporary or permanent) and employment or occupation in it, of foreigners, and that travellers who are unable to satisfy the competent authorities in the territory that they comply with those laws and regulations are liable to be refused leave to enter or land.

(b) In most British overseas territories foreigners are not permitted to remain for more than a limited period, which does not normally exceed six months and may be less, without special authority, and they may be called upon as a condition of entry to provide reasonable evidence (such as a return or onward transport ticket) of their intention to leave the territory within the specified period. Similarly, foreigners wishing to undertake employment in such territories are usually required to obtain prior permission to do so and to produce proof of such permission before being admitted. Requirements, however, differ as between one territory and another, and it is therefore suggested that any notice or advice regarding the abolition of visas in relation to British overseas territories should emphasise the importance of intending travellers acquainting themselves fully with the requirements of the Immigration Laws and Regulations of the territory which they propose to visit.

4. I have the honour to request your Excellency to be so good as to acknowledge the receipt of this note.

I have, &c.
(Sd.) ERNEST BEVIN.

⁽¹⁾ "Treaty Series No. 7 (1947)," Cmd. 7059.

ANNEX

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Newfoundland | Mauritius |
| Southern Rhodesia | North Borneo |
| Aden | Northern Rhodesia |
| Bahamas | St. Helena |
| Barbados | Seychelles |
| Basutoland | Sierra Leone |
| Bechuanaland Protectorate | Singapore |
| Bermuda | Swaziland |
| British Guiana | Tanganyika |
| British Honduras | Trinidad |
| Brunei | Uganda |
| Cyprus | Western Pacific— |
| Falkland Islands | Gilbert and Ellice Islands |
| Federation of Malaya | British Solomon Islands |
| Fiji | Windward Islands— |
| Jamaica | Dominica |
| Leeward Islands— | Grenada |
| Antigua | St. Lucia |
| St. Kitts Nevis | St. Vincent |
| Montserrat | Zanzibar |
| Virgin Islands | |

No. 2

The Luxembourg Minister to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs

Légation du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg,

London, 26th October, 1948.

Your Excellency,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Excellency's note of 26th October, 1948, in the following terms:—

[As in No. 1]

I have the honour to advise your Excellency that the Luxembourg Government have taken note with satisfaction of the terms of your note.

I have, &c.
(Sd.) A. CLASEN.

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