

WAIVER OF VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

*Exchange of notes at Copenhagen November 3 and December 21, 1925,
and June 11, 19, and 21, 1926*

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The American Minister to the Danish Minister of Foreign Affairs

AMERICAN LEGATION

COPENHAGEN, *November 3, 1925*

No. 388

MR. MINISTER:

With reference to the agreement concluded between the Royal Danish Government and the Government of the United States¹ for the mutual suppression of fees for non-immigrant visas, I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the Legation is in receipt of an Instruction from the Department of State to the effect that the above-mentioned agreement may be extended to Iceland in the event that the Icelandic Government so desires and will reciprocate for American citizens proceeding to Iceland.

I should appreciate if Your Excellency would be so good as to advise the Legation at an early opportunity as to the attitude of the Icelandic Government.

I avail myself of this occasion to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

JOHN DYNELEY PRINCE

COUNT CARL MOLTKE,
*Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Copenhagen.*

The Danish Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Minister

[TRANSLATION]

COPENHAGEN, *December 21, 1925*

MR. MINISTER:

Having, as mentioned in my note of November 11 last, submitted to the proper Icelandic authorities the question raised in your Note of November 3

¹ Exchange of notes at Copenhagen July 2 and Sept. 29, 1925, *ante*, vol. 7, p. 76, DENMARK.

concerning the suppression of visa fees for Icelandic subjects going to the United States of America as non-immigrants, and, having received a reply relative to this matter from the Government of Iceland, I have the honor to advise you that subjects of foreign countries are not required to be in possession of a passport in order to enter Iceland, and that, therefore, the question of a visa of entry does not exist as regards Iceland.

On the other hand, the Icelandic Government is prepared to conclude with the Government of the United States of America an arrangement whereby Icelandic subjects who travel to the United States of America as non-immigrants may be granted a free visa valid for one year on condition that the citizens of the United States of America may also obtain gratuitously a visa valid for one year in case the Icelandic Government should later decide to introduce passport and visa requirements.

I would greatly appreciate your advising me, as regards the United States, from what date an arrangement such as that mentioned above could eventually enter into effect.

Accept, Mr. Minister, the assurances of my high consideration.

C. MOLTKE

Mr. JOHN DYNELEY PRINCE,
Minister of the United States of America

*The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Danish Minister
of Foreign Affairs*

AMERICAN LEGATION

COPENHAGEN, June 11, 1926

No. 440

MR. MINISTER:

Adverting to Your Excellency's note No. 36 D.57, of December 21, 1925, relative to the proposed mutual suppression of fees for non-immigrant visas between my Government and the Icelandic Government, I have the honor, pursuant to instructions of my Government, to inform you that, inasmuch as the agreement concluded with the Government of Denmark cannot be held of itself to apply to Iceland, I am authorized to conclude with the Icelandic Government a separate agreement identical with that concluded with the Danish Government. I may add that my Government wishes the date to be retroactive, if possible, to August 6, 1925.

I avail myself of this occasion to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

JOHN C. WILEY
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

Hon. TH. STAUNING,
*Minister of State
Minister of Foreign Affairs.*

The Danish Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the American Legation

[TRANSLATION]

NOTE VERBALE

Referring to the note of Mr. John C. Wiley, Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of the United States of America, No. 440 of June 11, 1926, relative to the suppression of visa fees for Icelandic and American subjects, the Minister for Foreign Affairs has the honor to inform the Legation of the United States of America that the Ministry is prepared to fix the date of August 6, 1925, for the coming into force of the above-mentioned arrangement.

At the same time the Minister for Foreign Affairs has the honor to inquire of the Legation if the Government of the United States is prepared to consider the arrangement as being concluded by the receipt of the present note.

COPENHAGEN, *June 19, 1926.*

The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Danish Minister of Foreign Affairs

AMERICAN LEGATION
COPENHAGEN, *June 21, 1926*

No. 445

MR. MINISTER:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Ministry's Note Verbale No. 36 D 57, of June 19, 1926, in which the Ministry was pleased to state that it is prepared to fix the date of August 6, 1925, for the entrance into vigor of the agreement for the reciprocal suppression of fees for non-immigrant visas between the Government of the United States and that of Iceland.

At the same time the Ministry kindly inquired if this Legation was prepared to accept the arrangement as having been concluded by the receipt of the aforesaid Note Verbale. In reply I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that I am authorized to reply in the affirmative, viz., that it is understood that the present agreement is identical with the one concluded between the Government of the United States and the Government of Denmark, effective August 6, 1925.

I now have the honor to inform Your Excellency that I shall advise my Government that the above agreement is therefore now effective retroactively from August 6, 1925, in order that the appropriate instructions may be given to the competent authorities of the United States.

I avail myself of this occasion to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

JOHN C. WILEY
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

The Honorable

TH. STAUNING,

Minister of State,

Royal Ministry for Foreign Affairs,

Copenhagen.