

LUXEMBOURG



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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

concerning the acceptance of the British  
Visitor's Passport for travel between  
the United Kingdom and Luxembourg

Luxembourg, February 21, 1961

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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 CONCERNING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BRITISH VISITOR'S PASSPORT FOR TRAVEL BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND LUXEMBOURG**

No. 1

*Her Majesty's Ambassador at Luxembourg to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg*

*British Embassy,*

Your Excellency,

*Luxembourg, February 21, 1961.*

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement constituted by the Exchange of Notes of the 1st of April, 1960<sup>(1)</sup> between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg concerning arrangements to facilitate travel between Luxembourg and the United Kingdom, including certain British overseas dependent territories.

I have to inform Your Excellency that a simplified form of passport, known as a British Visitor's Passport, will be available for issue from the 15th of March 1961 to British subjects, citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies. A British Visitor's Passport will be valid for one year from the date of issue. An applicant for a British Visitor's Passport will not be required by the United Kingdom authorities to produce documentary evidence of his identity and national status, but he will be required to sign a declaration that he is a British subject, citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies. A specimen of the British Visitor's Passport is attached as an Annex to this Note<sup>(2)</sup>.

I have the honour to propose, on the instructions of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, that the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Luxembourg conclude an Agreement in the following terms:

1. The Government of Luxembourg undertakes to accept a valid British Visitor's Passport as a valid passport and to permit holders to enter and stay in Luxembourg subject to the following conditions:
  - (a) A visit to Luxembourg shall not exceed three months and shall not be for employment.
  - (b) A visitor who enters Luxembourg on presentation of a valid British Visitor's Passport and who subsequently obtains leave to stay longer than three months shall be required to obtain a passport bearing on the cover the inscription "British Passport" before the end of the three months' period.

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(1) "Treaty Series No. 36 (1960)", Cmnd. 1079.

(2) Not reproduced.

- (c) Holders of British Visitor's Passports proceeding to Luxembourg shall not be exempt from the necessity of complying with the laws and regulations of Luxembourg relating to the entry and residence (temporary or permanent) and employment or occupation of foreigners. Travellers who are unable to satisfy the competent authorities that they comply with these laws and regulations may be refused leave to enter or to land.
- (d) The right is reserved to the competent authorities of Luxembourg to refuse any person leave to enter or stay in Luxembourg in any case where that person is regarded as undesirable by those authorities or is otherwise ineligible under the general policy of the Government of Luxembourg relating to the entry or stay of foreigners.
- (e) The Government of Luxembourg may suspend the foregoing provisions in whole or in part temporarily for reasons of public order and/or national security, and the suspension shall be notified immediately to the Government of the United Kingdom through the diplomatic channel.
2. The Government of the United Kingdom undertake to take back into their territory at any time persons having entered the territory of Luxembourg under the terms of this Agreement.
3. The Agreement shall enter into force on the 15th of March 1961, and shall remain in force for a period of one year. Unless the Agreement is denounced by either Government at least two months before the expiry of this period, it shall thereafter remain in operation for an indefinite period, it being understood that either Government may at any time denounce the Agreement upon giving to the other six months' notice of their intention to do so.

If the foregoing provisions are acceptable to the Government of Luxembourg I have the honour to suggest that the present Note, together with Your Excellency's reply in that sense, should be considered as placing on record the Agreement of the two Governments in this matter.

I avail, &c.

H. W. A. FREESE-PENNEFATHER.

No. 2

*The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg to Her Majesty's Ambassador  
at Luxembourg*

*Ministère des Affaires Etrangères*

Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

*Luxembourg, le 21 février 1961.*

J'ai l'honneur d'accuser réception de votre note du 21 février 1961, dont le texte est reproduit ci-après :

[As in No. 1]

J'ai l'honneur de vous informer que le Gouvernement luxembourgeois marque son accord avec les termes de cet arrangement et qu'il considère votre note précitée ainsi que la présente qui y fait réponse, comme constituant un accord dans cette matière entre les deux Gouvernements.

Je saisis, &c.

E. SCHAUS.

[Translation of No. 2]

Mr. Ambassador, *Ministry of Foreign Affairs,  
Luxembourg, February 21, 1961.*

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Note of February 21, 1961, the text of which is as follows :

[As in No. 1]

I have the honour to inform you that the Luxembourg Government agrees with the terms of this arrangement and that it considers your Note together with the present reply as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments in this matter.

I avail, &c.

E. SCHAUS.

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