

WAIVER OF VISAS AND VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

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Department of State files

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

[TRANSLATION]

April 2, 1927

MR. CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES:

With reference to your communication of March 1, 1927, B 330, I have the honor to inform you that from the 15th of April next, and in continuation of the ruling which has been effective for the past six years, citizens of the United States going to Belgium will be exempted from the formality of a consular visa in order to enter the country where they will be permitted to stay for a period not exceeding four months, without the necessity of securing an authorization to remain or any Belgian visa.

Moreover, American subjects will be allowed to enter the Kingdom one or more times in the course of a year on condition that the length of each stay on Belgian territory does not exceed four months, that when they leave the country the communal authorities of the district where they have resided be notified and that during their absence they retain no dwelling or residence in Belgium.

It is understood, however, that the diplomatic agents of the United States in Belgium, their family and their personnel, will continue to be exempt from the obligation of a "visa de séjour" which the American Consular agents of career will obtain free of charge.

On its side the American Government will suppress from the same date, the collecting of all costs of visas in favor of Belgian subjects going to the United States without the intention of settling there. When requesting these

¹ *Post*, p. 554.

² Pursuant to notice of termination given by the United States on that date.