

WAIVER OF VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

*Exchanges of notes at Helsinki October 22, November 6 and 30, and
December 7, 1925*

Entered into force January 1, 1926

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and December 14, 1955¹*

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The American Minister to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

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MR. MINISTER:

I have the honor to refer to your Excellency's Note numbered 17677, dated October 12, 1925, and to our conversation of October 19, 1925, regarding the question of waiving fees for non-immigrant passport visas and the application therefor.

It is now the understanding of my Government that after January 1, 1926, the Government of the United States will collect no fee for visaing passports or executing application therefor in case of citizens of Finland desiring to visit the United States (including the insular possessions), who are not immigrants, as defined in the Immigration Act of the United States of 1924, namely:

“(1) a government official, his family, attendants, servants, and employees, (2) an alien visiting the United States temporarily as a tourist or temporarily for business or pleasure, (3) an alien in continuous transit through the United States, (4) an alien lawfully admitted to the United States who later goes in transit from one part of the United States to another through foreign contiguous territory, (5) a bona fide alien seaman serving as such on a vessel arriving at a port of the United States and seeking to enter temporarily the United States solely in the pursuit of his calling as a seaman, and (6) an alien entitled to enter the United States solely to carry on trade under and in pursuance of the provisions of a present existing treaty of commercial navigation”,

¹ 9 UST 1175; TIAS 4102.