

REDUCTION OF VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honor to refer to its Note Verbale No. 1483 of December 13, 1948, and to the conversation held on October 23, 1948, between Mr. Nicholas Anissas, of the Ministry, and Mr. Oliver S. Crosby, of the Embassy, concerning the desirability of effecting a mutual reduction of certain non-immigrant passport visa fees and an extension of the period of validity of such visas.

The Embassy is pleased to report that on and after the fifteenth day of February, 1949, the Government of the United States will grant non-immigrant passport visas to qualified bearers of valid Greek passports at a fee of \$5.00 for each visa granted (no fee will be charged for the execution of a non-immigrant passport visa application form), if the Government of Greece will accord a similar courtesy to American citizens in a like category desiring to enter Greece or its possessions.

The Ministry is advised further that the aforesaid non-immigrant visas shall be valid for any number of applications for admission into the United States and its possessions within a period of twenty-four (24) months, provided the passports of the bearers remain valid for that period. All other non-immigrant passport visas (except diplomatic, official, and international organization visas, which are of course gratis), granted to qualified Greek nationals, will be at a fee of \$5.00 and valid for any number of applications for admission into the United States during a period of twelve (12) months, provided the passports of the bearers remain valid for that period and provided the Greek Government will accord a similar courtesy to American citizens in a like category.

The period of validity of a visa relates only to the period within which it may be used in connection with an application for admission at a port of