

## VISAS: WAIVER FOR AMERICAN CITIZENS AND EXTENSION OF PERIOD OF VALIDITY FOR BELGIAN CITIZENS

*Exchange of notes at Washington October 12 and 26, 1948*

*Entered into force October 26, 1948; operative from October 15, 1948*

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### *The Belgian Embassy to the Department of State*

AMBASSADE DE BELGIQUE

No. 4723

The Belgian Embassy presents its compliments to the Department of State and has the honor to inform the Department that the Belgian Government has decided to waive from the 15th of October 1948 all visa requirements for American citizens rightfully bearing valid American passports who wish to proceed to Belgium either for transit or for a stay not exceeding two months.

It should be understood that this measure does not alter otherwise the present Belgian regulations governing the sojourn, the establishment or employment of foreigners which remain applicable to American citizens as before.

The Belgian Government has further decided that American military personnel belonging to the American Forces of occupation in Germany on detached service or on leave, will be authorized to proceed to Belgium on presentation of a military certificate of identity, bearing a photograph of the holder, together with either an order of mission or a leave furlough. The previous visa requirements on the latter document will be waived from the 15th of October 1948.

A valid american passport will still be required from American military personnel travelling in civilian clothes proceeding to Belgium either on duty or on leave.

The civilian personnel of American nationality employed by agencies of the American Government or of the American Army similar to the "Army Exchange Service" (with the exception of the technical counsellors rep-

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<sup>1</sup> 13 UST 1246; TIAS 5071.