

WAIVER OF VISAS AND VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

Exchange of notes at The Hague November 12 and 13, 1931

Entered into force January 1, 1932

Suspended during World War II

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and 13, 1946¹*

Department of State files

The American Minister to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS

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EXCELLENCY:

With reference to previous correspondence relating to the reciprocal waiver of visas and visa fees, I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that I have been authorized to effect the following agreement, the conclusion of which may appropriately be evidenced by your reply to this Note:

The Government of the United States will, from and after January 1, 1932, waive passport visa fees for all Netherlands subjects, including those who belong to the population of the Netherlands overseas territories, who wish to proceed to the United States, provided that they fulfil the requirements for their admission into that country and that they are not "immigrants" as defined in the Immigration Act of the United States of 1924;² and from the same date the Government of the Netherlands will waive visas for all American citizens and for the American nationals of the territorial and insular possessions of the United States who wish to proceed to the Netherlands; and such American citizens or nationals will be admitted into the Netherlands territory in Europe upon the mere presentation of their valid American passports, provided that they fulfil the further conditions for their admission into this country.

Inasmuch as some doubt exists as to the sovereignty of certain islands claimed by the United States, it is not possible at this time to furnish an exact list of American insular possessions. However, the territorial and principal insular possessions of the United States comprise: The Territory of Alaska (which includes all of the Aleutian Islands east of longitude 167°

¹ TIAS 1728, *post*, p. 178.

² 43 Stat. 153.