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# Exchange of Notes

between the Government of the United Kingdom  
of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
and the Government of Sweden

extending the Visa Abolition Agreement  
of 20th March, 1947 to certain  
British Overseas Territories

[with Annex]

London, 26th October, 1948

*Presented by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to Parliament  
by Command of His Majesty*

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**EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN EXTENDING THE VISA ABOLITION AGREEMENT OF 20th MARCH, 1947 TO CERTAIN BRITISH OVERSEAS TERRITORIES**

*London, 26th October, 1948*

No. 1

*The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the Swedish Ambassador*

Your Excellency,

*Foreign Office, 26th October, 1948.*

I HAVE the honour to refer to sub-paragraph 4 of the notes exchanged between Mr. Attlee and Monsieur Ihre on 20th March, 1947<sup>(1)</sup>, embodying an agreement for the reciprocal abolition of visas for British subjects travelling to Sweden and Swedish subjects travelling to the United Kingdom, and to inform you that, in accordance with their policy of extending freedom of travel, His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom have decided, after consultation with the Governments of the territories concerned, and without prejudice to the general application of sub-paragraph 2 of the above-mentioned notes, to extend the provisions of that agreement to Swedish subjects travelling to the territories mentioned in the Annex to this note.

2. Accordingly, it is proposed that on and after 10th November, Swedish subjects shall be free to travel from any place whatever to any of the territories mentioned in the Annex without the necessity of obtaining a visa, provided that they are furnished with valid Swedish passports.

3.—(a) It is understood that the waiver of the visa does not exempt Swedish subjects travelling to any of the territories mentioned in the Annex from the necessity of complying with the laws and regulations in force in the particular territory concerning the entry into it, or residence (temporary or permanent) and employment or occupation in it, of foreigners, and that travellers who are unable to satisfy the competent authorities in the territory that they comply with those laws and regulations are liable to be refused leave to enter or land.

(b) In most British overseas territories foreigners are not permitted to remain for more than a limited period, which does not normally exceed six months and may be less, without special authority, and they may be called upon as a condition of entry to provide reasonable evidence (such as a return or onward transport ticket) of their intention to leave the territory within the specified period. Similarly, foreigners wishing to undertake employment in such territories are usually required to obtain prior permission to do so and to produce proof of such permission before being admitted. Requirements, however, differ as between one territory and another, and it is therefore suggested that any notice or advice regarding the abolition of visas in relation to British overseas territories should emphasise the importance of intending travellers acquainting themselves fully with the requirements of the Immigration Laws and Regulations of the territory which they propose to visit.

4. I have the honour to request your Excellency to be so good as to acknowledge the receipt of this note.

I have, &c.  
(Sd.) ERNEST BEVIN.

<sup>(1)</sup> "Treaty Series No. 27 (1947)," Cmd. 7103.

ANNEX

Newfoundland  
Southern Rhodesia  
Aden  
Bahamas  
Barbados  
Basutoland  
Bechuanaland Protectorate  
Bermuda  
British Guiana  
British Honduras  
Brunei  
Cyprus  
Falkland Islands  
Federation of Malaya  
Fiji  
Jamaica  
Leeward Islands—  
    Antigua  
    St. Kitts Nevis  
    Montserrat  
    Virgin Islands

Mauritius  
North Borneo  
Northern Rhodesia  
St. Helena  
Seychelles  
Sierra Leone  
Singapore  
Swaziland  
Tanganyika  
Trinidad  
Uganda  
Western Pacific—  
    Gilbert and Ellice Islands  
    British Solomon Islands  
Windward Islands—  
    Dominica  
    Grenada  
    St. Lucia  
    St. Vincent  
Zanzibar

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No. 2

*The Swedish Ambassador to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs*

Sir, *Swedish Embassy, 26th October, 1948.*

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of your note of to-day, which reads as follows:—

[As in No. 1]

I have taken due note of this communication, together with its Annex—copy of which is attached hereto—and have the honour, &c.

(Sd.) GUNNAR HÄGGLÖF.

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