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Exchange of Notes

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

concerning Arrangements to Facilitate
Travel between the United Kingdom
and the Netherlands

London, April 1, 1960

*Presented to Parliament by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs
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EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS CONCERNING ARRANGEMENTS TO FACILITATE TRAVEL BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE NETHERLANDS

No. 1

*The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the Netherlands Ambassador
at London*

No. TNN 3104/1

Foreign Office, S.W. 1.

Your Excellency,

April 1, 1960.

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that to facilitate travel between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and British oversea dependent territories the Government of the United Kingdom are prepared to conclude an Agreement with the Netherlands Government in the following terms:—

1. Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 4 and 5 below Netherlands citizens holding valid Netherlands passports shall be free to travel from any place whatever to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man and to any of the territories named in Annex No. 1 to the present Note without the necessity of obtaining a visa.
2. Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 4 and 5 below, Netherlands citizens may enter and stay in the territory of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, provided their stay does not exceed three months and is not for employment, if they hold a valid Netherlands Toeristenkaart (Identiteitskaart) and a British Visitor's Card examples of each of which are attached to this Note as Annex Nos. 2⁽¹⁾ and 3⁽¹⁾ respectively.
3. Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 4 and 5 below, British subjects and British Protected Persons holding valid passports bearing on the cover the inscription "British Passport" at the top, and at the bottom the inscription "United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland" or "Jersey" or "Guernsey and its Dependencies" or "Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland" or the name of a British oversea dependent territory and inside the description of the holder's national status as "British Subject", or "British Subject, Citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies" or "British Subject, Citizen of the

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United Kingdom, Islands and Colonies" or "British Subject, Citizen of the State of Singapore" or "British Subject, Citizen of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland" or "British Protected Person" shall be free to travel from any place whatever to the Netherlands without the necessity of obtaining a visa. However, British subjects and British Protected Persons wishing to proceed to the Netherlands for a stay exceeding three months should, before their departure, obtain a provisional residence authorisation from the competent Netherlands diplomatic or consular mission.

4. The provisions of paragraphs 1, 2 or 3 above shall not exempt Netherlands citizens proceeding to any British territory or British subjects or British Protected Persons proceeding to the Netherlands from the necessity of complying with, respectively, the laws and regulations of the British territory concerned, or of the Netherlands relating to the entry, residence (temporary or permanent) and employment or occupation of foreigners. Travellers who are unable to satisfy the competent authorities that they comply with these laws and regulations may be refused leave to enter or to land.
5. The right is reserved to the competent authorities of the Netherlands and of all British territories to refuse any person leave to enter or stay in the country concerned in any case where that person is regarded as undesirable by those authorities; or is otherwise ineligible under the general policy of the respective Governments relating to the entry or stay of aliens.
6. Each Government undertakes to take back to its territory at any time persons having entered the territory of the other Government under the terms of this Agreement.
7. Either Government may suspend the foregoing provisions in whole or in part temporarily for reasons of public order and/or national security and the suspension shall be notified immediately to the other Government through the diplomatic channel.
8. The present Agreement shall supersede the Agreement for the Reciprocal Abolition of Visas between the United Kingdom and the Netherlands Government concluded in London on the 21st of March, 1947.⁽²⁾
9. As far as the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands is concerned the present Agreement shall for the time being only apply to the territory of the Kingdom in Europe. The Agreement may, however, be extended to any of the other Parts of the Kingdom by means of a written notification from the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
10. (a) The Agreement shall enter into force on the 10th of April, 1960, and shall remain in effect for a period of one year. Unless the Agreement is denounced by either Government at least two months before the expiry of this period, it shall thereafter remain in

(2) "Treaty Series No. 26 (1947)", Cmd. 7102.

operation for an indefinite period, it being understood that either Government may at any time denounce the Agreement upon giving to the other six months' notice of their intention to do so.

- (b) Either Government may, subject to the provisions of subparagraph (a) terminate the application of the Agreement to any of the Parts of the Kingdom, referred to in Paragraph 9, and the territories named in Annex 1.

If the Netherlands Government are prepared to accept the foregoing provisions, I have the honour to suggest that the present Note and Your Excellency's reply in similar terms should be considered as placing on record the Agreement of the two Governments in this matter.

I have, &c.

(For the Secretary of State),

R. T. CALLENDER.

ANNEX 1

Aden
Bahamas
Barbados
Basutoland
Bechuanaland
Bermuda
British Guiana
British Honduras
British Solomon Islands
Brunei
Cyprus
Falkland Islands and Dependencies
Fiji
Gambia
Gibraltar
Gilbert and Ellice Islands
Jamaica (including Turks and Caicos Islands and Cayman Islands)
Kenya
Leeward Islands—
 Antigua
 Montserrat
 St. Kitts—Nevis—Anguilla
 British Virgin Islands

Malta
Mauritius
North Borneo
Northern Rhodesia
Nyasaland
St. Helena
Sarawak

Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Singapore
Somaliland
Southern Rhodesia
Swaziland
Tanganyika
Trinidad and Tobago
Uganda
Windward Islands—
 Dominica
 Grenada
 St. Lucia
 St. Vincent
Zanzibar

No. 2

*The Netherlands Ambassador at London to the Secretary of State for
Foreign Affairs*

Royal Netherlands Embassy,

London, 1st April, 1960.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Note No. TNN 3104/1 of to-day's date in which you were good enough to inform me that in order to facilitate travel between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and British oversea dependent territories, the Government of the United Kingdom are prepared to conclude an agreement with the Netherlands Government in the following terms:—

[As in No. 1]

On instructions from my Government I have the honour to confirm their agreement to the provisions set out in your letter which with the present reply shall be regarded as placing on record the agreement reached between the two Governments.

I have, &c.

A. BENTINCK.

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