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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 Denmark
concerning the acceptance of the British
Visitor's Passport for travel between
the United Kingdom and Denmark

Copenhagen, May 10, 1961

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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 DENMARK CONCERNING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BRITISH VISITOR'S PASSPORT FOR TRAVEL BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND DENMARK

No. 1

Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires ad interim at Copenhagen to the Danish Prime Minister and Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs

No. 46

British Embassy,

Your Excellency,

Copenhagen, May 10, 1961.

You will be aware that in connexion with the question of the simplification of frontier formalities the Council of Europe and the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation have recommended that Member countries of the Organisation should admit each other's nationals to their territory for visits of not more than three months on presentation of identity cards based on the standard form recognised by the Tourism Committee of the Organisation.

2. I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that as identity cards are not issued to residents of the United Kingdom, a simplified form of passport known as the British Visitor's Passport is available for issue to British subjects, citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies. A British Visitor's Passport is valid for one year from the date of issue. An applicant for a British Visitor's Passport is not required by the United Kingdom authorities to produce documentary evidence of his identity and national status, but he is required to sign a declaration that he is a British subject, citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies. A specimen of the British Visitor's Passport is attached as an Annex to this Note.⁽¹⁾

3. I now have the honour to propose, on the instructions of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, that the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark conclude an Agreement in the following terms:

- (a) The Government of the Kingdom of Denmark undertake to accept the British Visitor's Passport as a valid passport and to permit holders to enter and stay in Denmark without the necessity of obtaining a visa subject to the following conditions:—
- (i) A visit to Denmark shall not exceed three months and shall not be for employment. This period of three months shall be calculated from the date of entry into any Nordic State being a party to the Convention of the 12th of July, 1957 concerning the waiver of passport control at the inter-Nordic frontiers, (that is to say at present Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden). Any sojourn in any of these States during the six months preceding the entry into Denmark shall be included in the above period of three months.

(¹) Not reproduced.

- (ii) A visitor who enters Denmark on presentation of a British Visitor's Passport and who subsequently obtains leave to stay longer than three months shall be required to obtain a passport bearing on the cover the inscription "British Passport" before the expiry of the three months' period.
 - (iii) Holders of British Visitor's Passports proceeding to Denmark shall not be exempt from the necessity of complying with the laws and regulations of Denmark relating to the entry and residence 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.
 - (iv) The right is reserved to the competent authorities of Denmark to refuse any person leave to enter or stay in Denmark in any case where that person is regarded as undesirable by those authorities or is otherwise ineligible under the general policy of the Government of Denmark relating to the entry or stay of foreigners.
 - (v) The Government of Denmark may suspend the foregoing provisions in whole or in part temporarily for reasons of public policy and/or national security, and the suspension shall be notified immediately to the Government of the United Kingdom through the diplomatic channel.
- (b) The Government of the United Kingdom undertake to take back into their territory at any time holders of British Visitor's Passports who have entered Denmark.

4. If the above proposals are acceptable to the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark, I have the honour to suggest that the present Note, together with Your Excellency's reply in that sense, should be regarded as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force on the 1st of June, 1961 and remain in force for a period of one year and thereafter until either Government shall have given six months' written notice of termination to the other.

I have, &c.

R. W. SELBY.

No. 2

The Danish Prime Minister and Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires ad interim at Copenhagen

Sir,

Copenhagen, May 10, 1961.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note of May 10, 1961, which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

In reply I have the honour to confirm to you that the proposals set forth in your Note are acceptable to the Danish Government, and that the Danish Government agree that your Note and this reply constitute an agreement between the two Governments on this subject to be effective as from June 1, 1961.

I avail, &c.

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