

REDUCTION OF VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

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The American Legation to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs

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The American Legation has the honor to refer to previous correspondence relative to the conclusion of an agreement as to the duration of and the fees to be collected for the visas of the passports of Serbo-Croat-Slovene subjects and of American citizens, and more particularly to its note No. 988 of July 9th last and the notes of the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs Nos. KT 4562 and 4932 dated June 30th and August 1st last, respectively.

The Legation has the honor to inform the Royal Ministry that it is now authorized to conclude a reciprocal agreement with the Royal Government regarding the visas on the following basis:

Yugoslav non-immigrant visas at two dollars each valid for an unlimited number of trips during a period of six months in exchange for American non-immigrant visas at two dollars each valid for an unlimited number of trips during a period of twelve months.

Yugoslav transit visas at fifty cents each valid for a single transit in exchange for American transit visas at fifty cents each valid for a single transit.

Yugoslav transit visas including return trip at one dollar each to be granted to American citizens upon their request.

The Government of the United States in proposing these terms, which correspond with those proposed by the Royal Ministry in its two notes before mentioned, hopes that the Royal Government will see its way clear eventually to accord non-immigrant visas valid for twelve months to American citizens.

The American Legation begs that the Royal Ministry will be so good as to honor it with a reply to this note, advising it of its opinion as to the date when the present agreement may become effective, which it would like to have

fixed at as early date as may be required for previous notification to the Diplomatic and Consular representatives of the Kingdom abroad as well as the Royal authorities in the country in order that the agreement may be put into operation without any possible misunderstandings.

It is understood that until the present accord shall become effective, the provisional agreement regarding the duration of and the fees collectable for visas, as stipulated in the letter of May 1st last of the Director of the Consular Department to the American Minister, shall remain in force.

BELGRADE, *December 24, 1925.*

To

THE ROYAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
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The Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the American Legation

[TRANSLATION]

KINGDOM OF THE SERBS, CROATS AND SLOVENES
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
Consular Department

KT. No. 9702

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the note No. 1091, dated the 24th instant, of the American Legation and to inform it that it is prepared to conclude an agreement regarding passport visas, on the following conditions proposed by the Legation:

“Serb-Croat-Slovene non-immigrant visas at two dollars valid for an unlimited number of journeys during a period of six months in exchange for American non-immigrant visas at two dollars valid for an unlimited number of journeys during a period of twelve months.

“Serb-Croat-Slovene transit visas at fifty cents valid for a single transit in exchange for American transit visas at fifty cents valid for a single transit.

“Serb-Croat-Slovene visas, giving the right to go and return, for one dollar each, to be delivered to American citizens upon their request.

“It is understood that until the present agreement is put into effect, the provisional agreement of May 1st of the current year regarding the fees to be collected shall remain effective.”

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs has just given the necessary orders to the competent authorities to apply this agreement from the 1st of February of the current year. It hopes that the date mentioned will be acceptable to the American Legation.

Regarding the desire expressed by the American Legation that the Royal Government will also accept a permanent visa valid for 12 months, the Royal

Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honor to inform it that it will not fail to keep this desire in mind in order that it may be granted as soon as circumstances shall permit.

BELGRADE, *December 29, 1925.*

To

THE AMERICAN LEGATION,
Belgrade.