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ADDENDUM TO THE NOTE

from :	the Belgian delegation
to :	the Working Party on Schengen Evaluation
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QUESTION

How do you proceed, when a person presents him/herself at the border with a visa issued by another Member State?

ANSWER

Aliens who present themselves at a Belgian border with a visa delivered by another Schengen State, will in principle be treated the same way as aliens who present themselves with a visa delivered by a Belgian authority.

Aliens with a visa delivered by another Schengen State are always questioned about their purpose of stay and their travel route.

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The main purpose of these questions is to determine whether the alien effectively has the intention to *mainly* travel to the Schengen State that delivered the visa and if he is able to continue his journey to this state (financially + possession of transport tickets).

Usually the alien concerned has to show sufficient proof of his purpose of stay (for example: a hotel reservation, invitation by a company, proof of participation to a conference...)

These rules are however less strictly applied to holders of diplomatic passports who travel with a mission order.

It's evident that the police officer at the border control who verifies the visa will take in account whether the visa is delivered in representation of another Member State.

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