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| Subject: | Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement (codification) - notification from Switzerland |

Delegations will find attached the notification from Switzerland regarding the above-mentioned Regulation.



Mission of Switzerland to the European Union

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The Mission of Switzerland to the European Union presents its compliments to the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union and herewith confirms receipt of the notification of the Council dated 12 December 2018, issued in accordance with Article 7, paragraph 2 a, first sentence of the agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis (hereinafter referred to as « association agreement ») signed in Luxembourg on 26 October 2004. The content of the notification is as follows:

«In accordance with the first sentence of Article 7(2)(a) in conjunction with Article 14(1) of the Agreement associating Switzerland to the Schengen acquis, Switzerland is herewith notified of the adoption of the following act:

Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement (codification)

Council Document: PE-CONS 50/18

Date of adoption: 6 November 2018»

In accordance with Article 7, paragraph 2 a, second sentence of the association agreement, the Mission of Switzerland herewith notifies the General Secretariat of the Council that Switzerland accepts the content of the enclosed appendix to the notification of the Council, which forms an integral part of this reply, and will implement it in its internal legal order.

General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union
Directorate general D
Justice and Home Affairs
Brussels

In accordance with Article 7, paragraph 3 of the association agreement, the notification of the Council dated 12 December 2018 and this reply give rise to rights and obligations between Switzerland and the European Union and thus constitute an agreement between Switzerland and the European Union.

This agreement shall enter into force on the date of this reply. It may be denounced in accordance with the provisions of Articles 7 and 17 of the association agreement.

As from the date of the entry into force of this agreement, the following exchanges of notes shall be terminated:

- Exchange of notes of 28 March 2008 between Switzerland and the European Community regarding the acceptance of Council Regulation (EC) No 851/2005 of 2 June 2005 amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders;
- Exchange of notes of 28 March 2008 between Switzerland and the European Community regarding the acceptance of Council Regulation (EC) No 1932/2006 of 21 December 2006 amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders;
- Exchange of notes of 17 December 2009 between Switzerland and the European Community regarding the acceptance of Council Regulation (EC) No 1244/2009 of 30 November 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement;
- Exchange of notes of 15 December 2010 between Switzerland and the European Union regarding the acceptance of Regulation (EU) No 1091/2010 amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders;
- Exchange of notes of 4 January 2011 between Switzerland and the European Union regarding the acceptance of Regulation (EU) No 1211/2010 amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders;
- Exchange of notes of 19 February 2014 between Switzerland and the European Union regarding the acceptance of Regulation (EU) No 1289/2013 amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders;
- Exchange of notes of 24 April 2014 between Switzerland and the European Union regarding the acceptance of Regulation (EU) No 259/2014 amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders;
- Exchange of notes of 6 June 2014 between Switzerland and the European Union regarding the acceptance of Regulation (EU) No 509/2014 amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders;

- Exchange of notes of 28 March 2017 between Switzerland and the European Union regarding the acceptance of Regulation (EU) 2017/372 amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders;
- Exchange of notes of 28 March 2017 between Switzerland and the European Union regarding the acceptance of Regulation (EU) 2017/371 amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders;
- Exchange of notes of 7 June 2017 between Switzerland and the European Union regarding the acceptance of Regulation (EU) 2017/850 amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders.

A copy of the present note is addressed to the European Commission, General Secretariat, SG.A.3, Brussels.

The Mission of Switzerland to the European Union avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union the assurances of its highest consideration.

Brussels, 16 January 2019

