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**Exchange of Notes between Ireland and the United States
of America Constituting an Agreement Relating to
Passport Visa Fees**

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Presented to Dáil Éireann by the Minister for Foreign Affairs

**EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND IRELAND RELATING TO
PASSPORT VISA FEES**

I

The American Minister to the Irish Minister for External Affairs

AMERICAN LEGATION

No. 264

Dublin, Ireland, August 1, 1949

Excellency:

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the Government of the United States is now prepared to conclude an agreement regarding the relaxation of visa requirements between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Republic of Ireland in the following terms:

- 1) Beginning August 1, 1949, American citizens, in possession of valid passports issued by the Government of the United States, proceeding to Ireland shall not be required to be in possession of valid visas.
- 2) Such American citizens shall otherwise be subject to Irish laws and regulations regarding the entry, short sojourn, and residence or employment in Ireland of persons of other than Irish nationality.
- 3) The Government of the United States, beginning September 1, 1949, will grant to Irish citizens who qualify as temporary visitors for business or pleasure purposes under the provisions of clause (2), Section 3, Immigration Act of 1924,¹ as amended, and who are eligible to receive such visas, gratis non-immigrant passport visas valid for any number of applications for admission into the United States and its possessions during a period of twenty-four (24) months, provided the passports of the bearers remain valid for that period of time.
- 4) In addition, the Government of the United States, beginning September 1, 1949, will waive existing fee requirements for all other non-immigrant passport visas granted to eligible, qualified Irish citizens and such visa shall be valid for any number of applications for admission into the United States during a period of twelve (12) months, provided the passports of the bearers remain valid for that period of time.

The period of validity of a visa relates only to the period within which such visa may be used in connection with an application for admission at a port of entry into the United States and its possessions, and not to the length of stay in the

¹ United States of America: 43 Stat. 153.

United States which may be permitted the bearer after he is admitted. The period of each stay would, as at present, continue to be determined by the Immigration authorities.

If the Government of the Republic of Ireland is prepared to accept the foregoing conditions and provisions, I have the honor to suggest that the present note and Your Excellency's reply in similar terms should be regarded as placing on record the agreement between the two Governments.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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II

The Irish Minister for External Affairs to the American Minister

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1 August, 1949

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's Note, No. 264, of the 1st instant stating that the Government of the United States are prepared to conclude an Agreement regarding the relaxation of Visa requirements with the Government of the Republic of Ireland in the following terms:—

[See note I]

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Government of the Republic of Ireland are prepared to accept the foregoing conditions and provisions and concur in the suggestion that Your Excellency's Note and this reply should be regarded as placing on record the Agreement between the two Governments.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

Sean MACBRIDE
Minister for External Affairs

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