

# WAIVER OF VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

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*The American Minister to the Minister of Foreign Affairs*

LEGATION OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
TIRANA, ALBANIA.

*May 7, 1926.*

No. 113

MR. MINISTER:

I have the honor to make the following statement of my understanding of the agreement reached through recent conversations held at Tirana on behalf of the Government of the United States and the Government of the Albanian Republic with reference to the reciprocal waiver of non-immigrant visa fees:

“The Government of the United States will, from the first of June, 1926, collect no fee for visaing passports or executing applications therefor in the case of citizens or subjects of Albania desiring to visit the United States (including the insular possessions) who are not ‘immigrants’ as defined in the Immigration Act of the United States of 1924; <sup>1</sup> namely, ‘(1) a government official, his family, attendants, servants, and employees, (2) an alien visiting the United States temporarily as a tourist or temporarily for business or pleasure, (3) an alien in continuous transit through the United States, (4) an alien lawfully admitted to the United States who later goes in transit from one part of the United States to another through foreign contiguous territory, (5) a bona fide alien seaman serving as such on a vessel arriving at a port of the United States and seeking to enter temporarily the United States solely in the pursuit of his calling as a seaman, and (6) an alien entitled to enter the United States solely to carry on trade under and in pursuance of the provisions of a present existing treaty of commerce and navigation;’ it being agreed also that from the same date the Government of the Albanian Republic will collect no fee for visaing passports or executing applications therefor in the

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<sup>1</sup> 43 Stat. 153.

case of non-immigrant citizens of the United States of like classes desiring to visit Albania or its possessions.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

CHARLES C. HART [SEAL]

To His Excellency  
HUSSEIN VRIONI,  
*Minister for Foreign Affairs,*  
*Tirana.*

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*The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Minister*

MINISTÈRE DES AFFAIRES ÉTRANGÈRES  
D'ALBANIE

*Tirana, le 7 Mai 1926.*

No. 925

SIR:

I have the honor to make the following statement of my understanding of the agreement reached through recent conversations held at Tirana on behalf of the Government of the United States and the Government of the Albanian Republic with reference to the reciprocal waiver of non-immigrant visa fees:

[For text of statements, see U.S. note, above.]

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my very high consideration.

H. VRIONI [SEAL]  
*Minister for Foreign Affairs*  
*of the Albanian Republic*

To the Honorable  
CHARLES C. HART,  
*American Minister,*  
*Tirana.*