

WAIVER OF VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

Exchange of notes at Guatemala June 10, 1925

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The American Minister to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

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GUATEMALA, June 10, 1925

MR. SECRETARY:

I have the honor to confirm conversations with Your Excellency in which it was agreed that the Government of the United States will, from the first day of July, 1925, collect no fee for visaing passports or executing applications therefor in the case of citizens of Guatemala 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;³ 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"; and that from the same date the Government of Guatemala will collect no fee for visaing passports or executing application therefor in the case of non-immigrant citizens of the United States, or like classes, desiring to visit or leave Guatemala; nor will the Government of Guatemala collect from any citizen of the United States any fee for issuing or visaing any document of entry or of departure other than a passport, or executing application therefor, insofar as the Government of the United States reciprocates in that respect.

¹ 5 UST 2967; TIAS 3154.

² 7 UST 1075; TIAS 3589.

³ 43 Stat. 153.

This agreement has no bearing upon and does not affect the collection of head taxes at American ports.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

ARTHUR H. GEISSLER

His Excellency

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
Guatemala.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Minister

[TRANSLATION]

GUATEMALA, *June 10, 1925*

MR. MINISTER:

I have the honor to confirm certain conversations which I have had with Your Excellency and in which it was agreed that the Government of the United States, on and after July 1, 1925, will not charge fees for visaing passports or filling out application blanks therefor in the case of citizens of Guatemala who wish to visit the United States (including the insular possessions) and who are not immigrants according to the definition given by the United States Immigration Law of 1924, to-wit: (1) Government officials, their family, servants and employees; (2) foreigners who visit the United States temporarily as tourists or temporarily on business or pleasure trips; (3) foreigners in continual transit through the United States; (4) foreigners legally admitted into the United States and who later on travel through the territory of the United States, passing through contiguous foreign territory; (5) bona fide foreign seamen who render service as such on board a ship which calls at a port of the United States and who desire to enter temporarily the United States only in the performance of their duties as seamen; and (6) foreigners authorized to enter the United States only in order to trade in accordance with the stipulations of the clauses of the treaty on commerce and navigation which is at present in force; and that on and after the same date the Government of Guatemala shall not charge fees for visaing passports or filling out application blanks in the case of non-immigrant citizens of the United States, of like category, who desire to visit or leave Guatemala, nor shall the Government of Guatemala charge any citizen of the United States any fee for issuing or visaing any kind of entry or departure documents other than passports or for filling out application blanks therefor, when the United States grants reciprocity in this respect.

This agreement does not cover or affect the collection of the "head tax" in American ports.

I avail myself of this opportunity, etc.

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