

WAIVER OF VISAS AND VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

Exchange of notes at Lima May 20 and July 1 and 2, 1929

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Amended by agreement of February 13 and March 18 and 22, 1930¹

Superseded January 1, 1957, by agreement of April 6 and September 26, 1956²

Department of State files

The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

No. 89

LIMA, May 20, 1929

EXCELLENCY:

Under instructions from my Government, I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the Government of the United States is desirous of waiving the fees for passport visas and applications therefor in favor of citizens of Peru who are included in the definition of *non-immigrants* by the Immigration Act of 1924,³ in the event that the Government of Peru is willing to waive the visa requirement in favor of citizens of the United States of like classes traveling to Peru.

This proposal does not apply to immigrants and does not contemplate the waiver of visas on Peruvian passports but it does include the waiver of all fees for passport visas and applications therefor, in favor of citizens of Peru of non-immigrant classes visiting the United States. It is believed that such an arrangement would reduce to a minimum the formalities required for entry and that it would greatly facilitate the travel of businessmen and tourists between the two countries.

Should Your Excellency's Government find this proposal acceptable, I am authorized to effect an agreement in the premises by an exchange of notes substantially in the form I beg leave to suggest as follows:

"The Government of the United States will, from the first of June, 1929, collect no fee for visaing passports or executing applications therefor in the case of citizens of the Republic of Peru desiring to visit the United States (in-

¹ *Post*, p. 1100.

² 8 UST 468; TIAS 3800.

³ 43 Stat. 153.

cluding the Insular Possessions) who are not 'immigrants' as defined in the Immigration Act of the United States of 1924; 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 from the same date the Government of Peru will not require non-immigrant citizens of the United States of like classes desiring to visit the Republic of Peru or its possessions, to present visaed passports".

I take pleasure in informing Your Excellency that of the classes defined above as non-immigrants, Government officials, and aliens in continuous transit through the United States, are already granted visas gratis without regard to the attitude of foreign Governments toward the arrangement herein outlined, and the United States contemplates no change in its practice in this respect.

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

ALEXANDER P. MOORE

His Excellency

DOCTOR DON PEDRO JOSÉ RADA Y GAMIO,
Minister of Foreign Relations,
Lima.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador

[TRANSLATION]

No. 36

LIMA, July 1, 1929

MR. AMBASSADOR:

With reference to Your Excellency's esteemed Note No. 89 of May 20, last, in which you were pleased to inform me that the Government of the United States was desirous of waiving the fees for passport visas and applications therefor in favor of non-immigrant Peruvians, as defined in the American Immigration Act of 1924, who travel to the United States and its possessions,

in the event that my Government should find itself disposed to waive the visa requirement in favor of American citizens of like classes who enter Peru, I am pleased to inform Your Excellency that my Government gladly accepts the proposal formulated by your own, on the bases set forth in your above-mentioned note to which I am replying.

I take this opportunity, Mr. Ambassador, to renew the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

PEDRO JOSÉ RADA Y GAMIO

To His Excellency Mr. ALEXANDER P. MOORE,
*Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of the United States
City*

The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

No. 95

LIMA, July 1, 1929

MR. MINISTER:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's attentive Note Number 36 of July 1, 1929, informing me that the Peruvian Government gladly accepts the proposal outlined in my Note Number 89 of May 20, 1929, in the terms therein set forth.

If Your Excellency's Government finds it convenient, I suggest that the effective date for the agreement be July 15, 1929, and I therefore have the honor to transmit herewith a signed English text,⁴ identical in wording to the proposal contained in my Note Number 89, referred to above, with the exception of the change in date.

In expressing my deep appreciation for Your Excellency's courteous consideration of this matter, which I am convinced will work to the mutual benefit of both countries, I avail myself of the opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest regard and most distinguished consideration.

ALEXANDER P. MOORE

His Excellency
DOCTOR DON PEDRO JOSÉ RADA Y GAMIO,
*Minister of Foreign Relations,
Lima.*

⁴ Not printed here.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador

[TRANSLATION]

No. 37

LIMA, July 2, 1929

MR. AMBASSADOR:

I have had the honor to receive your Excellency's courteous note No. 95 of yesterday in which, referring to my government's acceptance of the proposal of your government made through your Excellency, regarding the visa of passports of Peruvian and American citizens of non-immigrant classes who proceed respectively to the United States and Peru, and in which your Excellency asked if it would be convenient to my government to have this agreement effective from the 15th of the present month.

In reply, I am pleased to inform your Excellency that my government gladly accepts the 15th of this month as the effective date of the aforementioned agreement and that to this end it will immediately transmit telegraphic instructions to the Consulates of the Republic in the United States and to the police authorities of the littoral.

I take this opportunity to renew, Mr. Ambassador, the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

PEDRO JOSÉ RADA Y GAMIO

His Excellency

ALEXANDER P. MOORE,

*Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister
Plenipotentiary of the United States,
City.*