

DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL VISAS

Exchange of notes at Panama March 16 and June 14, 1949

Entered into force June 14, 1949; operative July 1, 1949

Terminated June 1, 1956, by agreement of March 27 and May 22 and 25, 1956¹

63 Stat. 2899; Treaties and Other
International Acts Series 2134

The American Embassy to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honor to refer to the issuance of diplomatic and official visas by the Governments of the United States and Panama. As the Ministry is aware, the Government of the United States issues diplomatic and official visas to diplomatic and career consular officers and other Panamanian Government officials entitled to those visas valid for any number of entries during a period of one year provided, of course, that the passports remain valid for that period of time.

Inasmuch as it has been noted that the Government of Panama issues diplomatic and official visas valid for only one entry this Embassy takes the liberty of submitting for the Ministry's consideration the suggestion that the Government of Panama issue visas in these categories to bearers of United States diplomatic and special passports valid for any number of entries during a period of one year, provided that the passports remain valid for that period of time.

Should the Government of Panama express agreement to the Embassy's suggestion as indicated above, it would tend to place the issuance of visas in these categories on a basis of reciprocity.

C. C. H.

PANAMA, *March 16, 1949*

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the American Embassy

[TRANSLATION]

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honor to refer to the Embassy's

¹ 7 UST 905; TIAS 3573.

note verbale of March 16, 1949, relating to the diplomatic visas and official visas that the Government of Panama issues to diplomatic functionaries and officials of the Government of the United States. The Embassy requests that those visas be valid for entering the country as often as necessary, for the period of one year, provided the passports are valid also for such period.

The Ministry considers that in the case contemplated by the Embassy reciprocity should be applied and, therefore, is entirely agreeable to granting the diplomats and functionaries of the Government of the United States a visa to enter Panama subject to the same conditions under which the Government of the United States grants a visa to the diplomats and official functionaries of the Government of Panama to enter the United States.

The Ministry has therefore addressed all diplomatic representations of Panama, instructing them to the effect that, beginning with July 1, 1949, the visas granted to United States diplomats and official functionaries must bear a statement to the effect that such visas are valid for entering Panama as often as necessary, for the period of one year, provided the passports are also valid for such period.

I. M.

PANAMÁ, *June 14, 1949.*