

Wellington, June 4, 1948.

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of the letter dated June 4, 1948, whereby you were good enough to convey to me that the Government of New Zealand, wishing to facilitate the movement of persons between our two countries, were ready to enter into an Agreement with the Swedish Government on the following terms:

- (1) Swedish citizens shall be free to travel to New Zealand by any route without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance provided they are furnished with valid Swedish passports.
- (2) Holders of valid passports bearing on the cover the inscription "British passport: Dominion of New Zealand" and, inside, a description of the holder's national status as "British subject" shall be free to travel to Sweden by any route without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance.
- (3) It is understood that the waiver of the visa requirement does not exempt Swedish citizens and British subjects travelling respectively to New Zealand and to Sweden from the necessity of complying with the New Zealand and Swedish laws and regulations concerning the entry, residence (temporary or permanent) and employment or occupation of foreigners, and that travellers who are unable to satisfy the Immigration authorities that they comply with these laws and regulations are liable to be refused leave to

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enter or land.

- (4) As regards travel by Swedish citizens to New Zealand Island Territories and the Trust Territory of Western Samoa, visas will not be required but it will be necessary for travellers to comply with the laws and regulations concerning the entry, residence (temporary or permanent) and employment or occupation of foreigners in the Island Territories or the Trust Territory of Western Samoa as the case may be. Travellers who are unable to satisfy the Immigration Authorities that they comply with these regulations may be refused leave to enter or land.

2. I have the honour to inform you that the Swedish Government are prepared to put into force the foregoing provisions and that they consider your letter and my present reply as constituting between the two Governments an Agreement which is to come into force on July 1, 1948.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Consul for Sweden.

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The Embassy of New Zealand presents its compliments to the Royal Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honour to refer to the Exchange of Notes between the Government of New Zealand and the Government of Sweden concerning the mutual abolition of visas completed in Wellington on 4 June 1948.

The Embassy of New Zealand wishes to advise that the Government of New Zealand proposes to standardise and streamline temporary entry procedures into New Zealand. In accordance with those wishes the Government proposes to introduce revised rules governing temporary entry for business or tourist purposes. It is intended that with effect from 1 January 1986 Swedish nationals possessing valid Swedish passports, and who desire to enter New Zealand for business or tourist purposes for not longer than three months, will not require a visa.

These arrangements do not include visits to The Cook Islands, Niue or Tokelau, for which the immigration requirements of those Administrations apply.

The Embassy of New Zealand takes this opportunity to renew to the Royal Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

New Zealand Embassy
THE HAGUE
18 November 1985

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'JRA'.