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**NEW ZEALAND  
and  
BELGIUM**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning  
the mutual abolition of visas. Wellington, 1 November  
1951**

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**NOUVELLE-ZÉLANDE  
et  
BELGIQUE**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à la suppression  
réciproque des visas. Wellington, 1<sup>er</sup> novembre 1951**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

*Enregistré par la Nouvelle-Zélande le 10 janvier 1952.*

No. 1605. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN NEW ZEALAND AND BELGIUM CONCERNING THE MUTUAL ABOLITION OF VISAS. WELLINGTON, 1 NOVEMBER 1951

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*The Honourable T. Clifton Webb, Minister of External Affairs, to His Excellency  
Mr. Armand Nihotte, Minister of Belgium in New Zealand*

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Wellington, 1 November 1951

I refer to our various discussions concerning arrangements to permit of freedom of travel between our two countries and suggest that an agreement in the following terms be concluded for the mutual abolition of visas for travel between New Zealand and Belgium :—

(1) New Zealand citizens holding valid New Zealand passports shall be free to travel to Belgium by any route and to reside therein for a maximum period of two months without the necessity of obtaining visas in advance.

(2) Belgian subjects holding valid Belgian passports shall be free to travel to New Zealand, New Zealand Island Territories and the Trust Territory of Western Samoa by any route without the necessity of obtaining visas in advance.

(3) It is understood that New Zealand citizens intending to settle temporarily (more than two months) or permanently in Belgium will be required to apply to the competent Belgian diplomatic and consular authorities for a provisional establishment permit. If such citizens intend to enter into employment in Belgium either on their own account or with an employer they will also be required, before they apply for a visa, to obtain either a professional card or an employment permit as the case may be.

(4) It is understood that the waiver of the visa requirement does not exempt Belgian subjects travelling to New Zealand, New Zealand Island

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 15 November 1951 in accordance with the terms of the said notes.

Territories and the Trust Territory of Western Samoa from the necessity of complying with the laws and regulations of the territory concerned as to 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 may be refused leave to enter or land.

(5) It is understood that visas will continue to be required by New Zealand citizens who desire to travel to the Belgian Congo and the Trust Territory of Ruanda Urundi.

(6) Either party may terminate this agreement by giving three months' previous notice in writing to the other party.

If the Belgian Government is prepared to accept the foregoing provisions, I suggest that the present note and your reply in similar terms be regarded as placing on record the agreement between the two Governments which will take effect on 15 November 1951.

T. Clifton WEBB

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*His Excellency Mr. Armand Nihotte, Minister of Belgium in New Zealand  
to the Honourable T. Clifton Webb, Minister of External Affairs*

LEGATION OF BELGIUM

Wellington, 1 November 1951

I have the honour to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your Note of to-day's date informing me that in order to facilitate travel between our two countries, the New Zealand Government are prepared to conclude with the Government of Belgium an Agreement in the following terms:—

[See note I]

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Belgium are prepared to accept the foregoing provisions and will regard your Note and the present reply as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments which shall take effect on the 15th November, 1951.

Armand NIHOTTE