

Based on Article 20 and 21, paragraph (1) of the Law on Movement and Stay of Aliens and Asylum (Official Gazette of BiH" No. 36/08) and Article 17 of the Law on the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina ("Official Gazette of BiH" No. 30/03, 42/03, 81/06, 76/07, 81/07, 94/07 and 24/08), the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina at its 11th session, held on June 20, 2012, passed the following:

DECISION ON VISAS

Article 1 (Subject of Decision)

This Decision determines the states whose citizens can enter Bosnia and Herzegovina without the obligation of obtaining a visa, using a passport or other identification document for entry, transit, stay and exit from Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Article 2 (Visa-free regime up to 90 days)

Nationals of the following countries are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa to enter and stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 90 days in the period of six months from the first date of entry:

1. Albania
2. Andorra
3. Argentina
4. Australia
5. Austria
6. Belgium
7. Brazil
8. Brunei Darussalam
9. Bulgaria
10. Montenegro
11. Czech Republic
12. Chile
13. Denmark
14. Estonia
15. Finland
16. France
17. Greece
18. Guatemala
19. Honduras
20. Croatia
21. Ireland
22. Iceland
23. Israel
24. Italy
25. Japan
26. Costa Rica

27. Republic of Korea
28. Canada
29. Qatar
30. Cyprus
31. Kuwait
32. Latvia
33. Liechtenstein
34. Lithuania
35. Luxembourg
36. Hungary
37. Macedonia
38. Malaysia
39. Malta
40. Sovereign Military Order of Malta
41. Mexico
42. Monaco
43. Nicaragua
44. the Netherlands
45. Germany
46. Norway
47. New Zealand
48. Panama
49. Paraguay
50. Poland
51. Portugal
52. Romania
53. United States of America
54. Salvador
55. San Marino
56. Singapore
57. Slovakia
58. Slovenia
59. the Holy See
60. Serbia
61. Spain
62. Sweden
63. Swiss Confederation
64. Turkey
65. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
66. Uruguay
67. Venezuela

Article 3

(Visa-free regime for the Special Administrative Regions of the People's Republic of China)

Owners of the following Special Administrative Regions travel documents are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa to enter and stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 90 days in the period of six months from the first date of entry:

1. Hong Kong, People's Republic of China
2. Macao, People's Republic of China
3. Taiwan, People's Republic of China

Article 4

(Visa-free regime in the case of possession of visas or residence permits in the Schengen or EU countries)

(1) Nationals of the countries with whom Bosnia and Herzegovina has a visa regime, may enter in Bosnia and Herzegovina without the obligation of having visa for entering and staying in Bosnia and Herzegovina only if they have a valid multiple entry Schengen or EU member country visa or appropriate residence permit in the Schengen or EU countries, and upon completed verification or control by the State Police of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

(2) Provisions from paragraph (1) of this Article are valid only if the owners of the Schengen or EU visas or appropriate residence permits in the Schengen or EU member countries are coming to Bosnia and Herzegovina from the Schengen or EU member countries agreements signatories.

(3) Period of stay in Bosnia and Herzegovina in cases of this Article is possible only for the period not longer than seven days and within the validity of visa or residence permit issued by the Schengen zone or EU member country.

(4) Provisions from paragraph (1) of this Article do not apply to persons who are forbidden to enter and stay in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Article 5

(Visas for owners of a refugee travel documents, stateless persons and foreigners)

Owners of the following special travel documents and aligned travel documents are obliged to obtain a visa to enter the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

- 1) Travel documents for refugees issued by the signatories of Geneva Convention relating on Refugee Status dated July 28, 1951,
- 2) Travel documents for stateless persons issued by the signatories of Geneva Convention on Stateless Persons Legal Position dated September 28, 1954,
- 3) Travel documents for foreigners

Article 6

(Visas for citizens of Kosovo)

(1) Owners of travel documents with the label "Republic of Kosovo" are obliged to obtain a visa which will not be entered in travel document but issued on a separate form and based upon separate procedure.

(2) Type and content of the form from paragraph 1 of this Article is attached to this Decision and represents its integral part.

Article 7

(Visa-free regime for owners of diplomatic and service passports)

According to the signed international agreements, owners of diplomatic and service passports from the following countries are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa to enter and stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina:

- 1) Bahrain
- 2) Egypt
- 3) Iran
- 4) Jordan
- 5) China
- 6) Cuba
- 7) Oman
- 8) Pakistan
- 9) Russian Federation
- 10) Saudi Arabia
- 11) Tunisia
- 12) United Arab Emirates
- 13) Ukraine
- 14) Moldavia
- 15) Kazakhstan

Article 8

(Visa-free regime for owners of the business passports of the People's Republic of China)

Owners of the business-common passports of the People's Republic of China are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa to enter and stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 90 days.

Article 9

(Visa-free regime for owners of the special passports of the Arab Republic of Egypt)

Owners of the special passports of the Arab Republic of Egypt are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa to enter and stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 90 days.

Article 10

(Visa-free regime for owners of BiH MFA ID cards)

Owners of valid diplomatic, service, special or common passports accredited by Diplomatic Protocol of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina who have been issued a special personal ID card are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa to enter on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Article 11

(Visa-free regime for the citizens of the Russian Federation)

The Russian Federation citizens, owners of common passports, are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa to enter and stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina, provided they are in possession of:

- 1) an invitation letter verified by the Service for Foreigners' Affairs of BiH up to 90 days in the period of six months from the first date of entry,
- 2) contract on rendering tourist services (voucher on paid tourist arrangement) up to 30 days in the period of two months from the first date of entry,
- 3) an invitation from BiH state or entity body or representation of international organization in BiH up to 30 days in the period of three months from the first date of entry.

Article 12
(Visa-free regime for the citizens of Ukraine)

Ukrainian citizens who are owners of all valid passports, maritime books and identification documents for their return are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa to enter, exit, transit or stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 30 days in the period within two months from the first date of entry.

Article 13
(Visa-free regime for owners of a refugee travel documents or stateless person travel documents)

Owners of a refugee travel documents or stateless person travel documents, issued by:

- 1) European Union member countries,
- 2) Schengen Agreement signatories, and
- 3) Andorra, Liechtenstein, Monaco, San Marino, the United States of America, the Holy See and the Swiss Confederation,

are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa to enter or stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 90 days in the period of six month from the first date of entry.

Article 14
(Visa-free regime for owners of foreigner travel documents)

Owners of foreigner travel documents issued by:

- 4) European Union member countries,
- 5) Schengen Agreement signatories, and
- 6) Andorra, Liechtenstein, Monaco, San Marino, the United States of America, the Holy See and the Swiss Confederation,

are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa to enter or stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 90 days in the period of six month from the first date of entry provided they are enabled to return to the country of issuance.

Article 15
(Visa-free regime for owners of Laissez-Passer)

Owners of special travel documents issued by United Nations, or specialized United Nations institution (Laissez-Passer) are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa to enter and stay on

the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 90 days in the period of six months from the first date of entry.

Article 16
(Visa-free regime for owners of the personal ID cards)

Beside with travel document, entrance to Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 90 days in the period of six months from the first date of entry, is also allowed with a valid ID card proving identity and citizenship, to the citizens of the following countries:

- 1) European Union member countries,
- 2) Schengen Agreement signatories, and
- 3) Andorra, Montenegro, Croatia, Liechtenstein, Monaco, San Marino, Serbia, the Holy See and the Swiss Confederation,

Article 17
(Visa-free regime for NATO and PfP members)

(1) Members of the NATO and PfP forces may enter or stay in Bosnia and Herzegovina based on:

- 1) personal identity card with photograph issued by the sending state showing names, date of birth, rank, number (if any) and service or
- 2) individual or collective movement order, in a language of the sending state and in English and French languages, issued by an appropriate agency of the sending state or of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and certifying to the status of individual or group as a member or members of a force members and to the movement ordered.

(2) Members of a civilian component and dependents from paragraph (1) of this Article may enter or stay in Bosnia and Herzegovina if they are described as such in their passports.

Article 18
(Reporting)

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina is obliged to report the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina every six months on effects of the implementation of this Decision.

Article 19
(Termination)

Decision on Visas ("BiH Official Gazette", number 100/08) shall become ineffective by the entry into force of this Decision.

Article 20
(Enter into Force)

This Decision shall enter into force on the eight day following the day of its publishing in the "Official Gazette of BiH".

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July 26, 2012
Sarajevo

Chairman of the
Council of Minister of BiH
Vjekoslav Bevanda