

No. 5-291/2012

VERBAL NOTE

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia and, with reference to the Article 6 of the Agreement between the Republic of Lithuania and the Republic of Estonia on the Representation for the issuing of Schengen Visas done at Tallinn on 17 February 2009, has the honour to convey the following.

The Ministry has the honour to propose to amend Articles 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the above-mentioned Agreement as follows:

“Article 1 Representation

(1) The Republic of Lithuania shall represent the Republic of Estonia in the issuing of uniform Schengen visas in the Diplomatic missions or Consular posts of the Republic of Lithuania in:

- a) Yerevan (Republic of Armenia);
- b) Kaliningrad (Russian Federation);
- c) Almaty (Republic of Kazakhstan);
- d) Sovetsk (Russian Federation);
- e) Grodno (Republic of Belarus).

(2) The Republic of Estonia shall represent the Republic of Lithuania in the issuing of uniform Schengen visas in the Diplomatic missions or Consular posts of the Republic of Estonia in:

- a) Sydney (Commonwealth of Australia);
- b) Pskov (Russian Federation).

(3) The Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the Contracting Parties may agree upon the modification of the list set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2 by an Exchange of Notes.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA
Tallinn

Article 2

Issuing of Visas

(1) If the Diplomatic mission or Consular post of the Contracting Party in a country mentioned in paragraph 1 or 2 of Article 1 finds that all the conditions for issuing a uniform visa are met and that there is no risk of illegal immigration nor does the applicant pose a threat to the public order, national security or the international relations of any of the Schengen Member State, it shall issue a visa.

(2) If the Diplomatic mission or Consular post of the representing State in a respective country considers that the conditions for issuing a visa are not met, it is entitled to refuse to issue the visa on behalf of the represented State after examination of the application. In the event of doubt, the designated Embassy of the represented State may be consulted.

(3) The Diplomatic mission or Consular post of the representing State may not issue any visas with limited territorial validity without authorisation by the nearest Diplomatic mission or Consular post of the represented State (see details in Annex), except if the reason for issuing a visa with limited territorial validity is the lack of recognition of the travel document by all Schengen Member States. If it is the Republic of Lithuania or the Republic of Estonia that does not recognise the travel document, the authorization of the Diplomatic mission or Consular post of the represented State shall be necessary to issue the visa with limited territorial validity.

(4) According to Article 22 of the Visa Code for nationals of specific third countries or specific categories of such nationals for which consultation is required the applications will be transmitted by the representing State to the central authorities of the represented State for prior consultation. In compliance with Article 8 paragraph 4 point c) of the Visa Code, if it is necessary Central authorities (see details in Annex) shall subsequently exchange a list of specific countries or the categories.

Article 3

Statistics on Visas

Following a specific or general request from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of one of the Contracting Parties, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the other Contracting Party shall provide the statistics available relating to the visas issued under this agreement.

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(1) Fees for visa applications shall be charged in accordance with the Schengen *acquis*.

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The Ministry also has the honour to propose to replace the Annex of the Agreement and to amend list of contact points as indicated in the Annex of this Note.

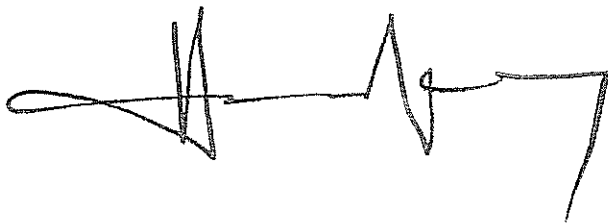
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Government of the Republic of Estonia on the Amendments to the Agreement between the Republic of Lithuania and the Republic of Estonia on the Representation for the issuing of the Schengen Visas done at Tallinn on 17 February 2009, which shall enter into force on 15th of June 2012.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia the assurance of its highest consideration.

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Vilnius, 8 May 2012

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ANNEX
POINTS OF CONTACT

(1) For the issuing of visas in Yerevan:

Embassy of the Republic of Estonia in Georgia (Tbilisi)

Likhauri 4, Saburtalo
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Tel. (+995) 32 365 122
Fax. (+995) 32 365 138
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(2) For the issuing of visas in Kaliningrad, Sovetsk and Grodno:

Embassy of the Republic of Estonia in the Republic of Belarus (Minsk)

Platonova 1B (Entrance 5)
220034 Minsk
Belarus
Tel. +375 17 217 7061
Fax. +375 17 217 7069
E-mail: embassy.minsk@mfa.ee
www.estemb.by

(3) For the issuing of visas in Almaty:

Embassy of the Republic of Estonia in the Republic of Kazakhstan (Astana)

Avenue Kabanbai batyr 28a
010000 Astana
Kazakhstan
Tel. +7 7172) 790 626
Fax. +7 7172) 790 627
E-mail: Embassy.Astana@mfa.ee
www.astana.vm.ee

(4) For the issuing of visas in Sydney:

Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania in Japan (Tokyo)

3-7-18 Moto-Azabu, Minato-ku,
Tokyo 106-0046
Japan
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(5) For the issuing of visas in Pskov

Consulate General of the Republic of Lithuania in Saint Petersburg (Russian Federation)

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(6) Central authority of the Republic of Estonia:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs/ Consular Department/ Schengen Division

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(7) Central authorities of the Republic of Lithuania:

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*Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Republic of Estonia*

No. 8.2-1/265-4

NOTE VERBALE

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania and has the honour to refer to the Ministry's Note, No 5-291/2012, dated 8 May 2012, which reads as follows:

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia and, with reference to the Article 6 of the Agreement between the Republic of Lithuania and the Republic of Estonia on the Representation for the issuing of Schengen Visas done at Tallinn on 17 February 2009, has the honour to convey the following.

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To the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania
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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia the assurance of its highest consideration.”

The Ministry confirms that the foregoing is acceptable to the Estonian side. Accordingly the Ministry's Note and the present reply Note shall constitute *the Agreement between the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Lithuania on the Amendments to the Agreement between the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Lithuania on the Representation for the issuing of Schengen Visas done at Tallinn on 17 February 2009*, which shall enter into force on the 15th of June 2012.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania the assurances of its highest consideration.

Tallinn, 12 June 2012

