

Lists of third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and of those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement

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A) List of third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders

1. States

AFGHANISTAN
ALGERIA
ANGOLA
ARMENIA
AZERBAIJAN
BAHRAIN
BANGLADESH
BELARUS
BELIZE
BENIN
BHUTAN
BOLIVIA
BOTSWANA
BURKINA FASO
BURMA/MYANMAR
BURUNDI
CAMBODIA
CAMEROON
CAPE VERDE
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
CHAD
CHINA
COLOMBIA
COMOROS
CONGO
COTE D'IVOIRE
CUBA
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO
DJIBOUTI
DOMINICA
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
ECUADOR
EGYPT
EQUATORIAL GUINEA
ERITREA
ETHIOPIA
FIJI
GABON
GAMBIA
GEORGIA
GHANA
GRENADA
GUINEA

GUINEA-BISSAU
GUYANA
HAITI
INDIA
INDONESIA
IRAN
IRAQ
JAMAICA
JORDAN
KAZAKHSTAN
KENYA
KIRIBATI
KUWAIT
KYRGYZSTAN
LAOS
LEBANON
LESOTHO
LIBERIA
LIBYA
MADAGASCAR
MALAWI
MALDIVES
MALI
MARSHALL ISLANDS
MAURITANIA
MICRONESIA
MONGOLIA
MOROCCO
MOZAMBIQUE
NAMIBIA
NAURU
NEPAL
NIGER
NIGERIA
NORTH KOREA
OMAN
PAKISTAN
PALAU
PAPUA NEW GUINEA
PERU
PHILIPPINES
QATAR
RUSSIA
RWANDA
SAMOA
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE
SAUDI ARABIA
SENEGAL
SIERRA LEONE
SOLOMON ISLANDS
SOMALIA
SOUTH AFRICA

SRI LANKA
ST LUCIA
ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES
SUDAN
SURINAME
SWAZILAND
SYRIA
TAJKISTAN
TANZANIA
THAILAND
TIMOR-LESTE
TOGO
TONGA
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
TUNISIA
TURKEY
TURKMENISTAN
TUVALU
UGANDA
UKRAINE
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
UZBEKISTAN
VANUATU
VIETNAM
YEMEN
ZAMBIA
ZIMBABWE

2. Entities and territorial authorities not recognised as States by at least one Member State

KOSOVO
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY

B) List of third countries whose nationals are exempted from holding a visa when crossing the external borders

1. States

ALBANIA¹
ANDORRA
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
ARGENTINA
AUSTRALIA
BAHAMAS
BARBADOS
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA²

¹In accordance with Regulation (EU) 1091/2010 amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001, nationals of Albania holding biometric passports are exempt from the visa obligation (OJ L 329, 14.12.2010, p. 1); the VFA continues to apply to holders of non-biometric passports.

² In accordance with Regulation (EU) 1091/2010 amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001, nationals of Bosnia and Herzegovina holding biometric passports are exempt from the visa obligation (OJ L 329, 14.12.2010, p. 1); the VFA continues to apply to holders of non-biometric passports.

BRAZIL
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM
CANADA
CHILE
COSTA RICA
EL SALVADOR
FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA³
GUATEMALA
HOLY SEE (STATE OF THE VATICAN)
HONDURAS
ISRAEL
JAPAN
MALAYSIA
MAURITIUS
MEXICO
MOLDOVA, REPUBLIC OF
MONACO
MONTENEGRO⁴
NEW ZEALAND
NICARAGUA
PANAMA
PARAGUAY
SAN MARINO
SEYCHELLES
SERBIA⁵
SINGAPORE
SOUTH KOREA
ST KITTS AND NEVIS
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
URUGUAY
VENEZUELA

2. Special Administrative Regions of the People's Republic of China

HONG KONG S.A.R.⁶
MACAO S.A.R.⁷

³ In accordance with Regulation (EC) 1244/2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001, nationals of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia holding biometric passports are exempt from the visa obligation (OJ L 336, 18.12.2009, p. 1); the VFA continues to apply to holders of non-biometric passports.

⁴ In accordance with Regulation (EC) 1244/2009 amending Regulation 539/2001, nationals of Montenegro holding biometric passports are exempt from the visa obligation (OJ L 336, 18.12.2009, p. 1); as non-biometric Montenegrin passports are no longer valid, the VFA is no longer applied in practice.

⁵ In accordance with Regulation (EC) 1244/2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001, nationals of Serbia holding biometric passports (excluding holders of passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate [in Serbian: *Koordinaciona uprava*]) are exempt from the visa obligation (OJ L 336, 18.12.2009, p. 1); the VFA continues to apply to holders of non-biometric passport holders and holders of passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate.

⁶ The visa exemption applies only to holders of a "Hong Kong Special Administrative Region" passport.

⁷ The visa exemption applies only to holders of a "Região Administrativa Especial de Macau" passport.

3. British citizens who are not nationals of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the purposes of Union law:

British nationals (Overseas)

British overseas territories citizens (BOTC)

British overseas citizens (BOC)

British protected persons (BPP)

British subjects (BS)'.

4. Entities and territorial authorities not recognised as States by at least one Member State

TAIWAN⁸

⁸ In accordance with Regulation (EU) 1211/2010 amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001, Taiwanese nationals holding passports issued by Taiwan which include an identity card number are exempt from the visa obligation (OJ L 339, 22.12.2010, p. 6).