

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (NOVEMBER 18 AND 19, 1949) BETWEEN
CANADA AND BELGIUM CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT
REGARDING VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-IMMIGRANT
TRAVELLERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES
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The Secretary of State for External Affairs
to the Belgian Ambassador in Canada
Ambassadeur au Canada
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EXCELLENCY,
I have the honour to refer to previous correspondence on the subject of the
modification of visa requirements for non-immigrants coming to Canada
and to inform you that the Canadian Government is prepared to conclude an agreement in the
following terms:
(1) Nationals who are bona fide non-immigrants coming to Canada
for business, pleasure, or other non-immigrant purposes, and who are
not subject to the provisions of the Immigration Act, shall be exempt from
the requirement of a visa. This exemption shall apply to nationals of
Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, and the Grand Duchy of
Luxembourg. It shall also apply to nationals of the Kingdom of the
Netherlands who are exempt from the requirement of a visa under the
provisions of the Immigration Act. The exemption shall not apply to
nationals of the Kingdom of the Netherlands who are subject to the
provisions of the Immigration Act. It is understood that this modification of
visa requirements does not exempt Belgian nationals and Canadian citizens, coming respectively
to Canada and Belgium, from the necessity of complying with the laws
and regulations of the country concerned regarding the entry, residence
(temporary or permanent) and employment or occupation of foreigners,
and that persons who are unable to satisfy the immigration authorities
that they comply with these laws and regulations, are liable to be
retained here to await removal.
If the Belgian Government is prepared to accept the foregoing provisions,
the Canadian Government has the honour to suggest that the present Note and
the reply thereto of the Belgian Government shall constitute an agreement
between the two Governments which shall take effect on December 1, 1949.
Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

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