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The Department of External Affairs announced today that an agreement has been concluded between the Governments of Canada and the Federal Republic of Germany for the purpose of facilitating travel between the two countries. Under this agreement, effective May 1, Canadians in possession of valid passports will not require German visas when visiting the Federal Republic for periods not exceeding three consecutive months.

Under the new agreement, citizens of the Federal Republic visiting Canada, who are bona fide non-immigrants, may receive free of charge in Germany visas valid for an unlimited number of entries to Canada during a period of twelve months.

This agreement does not affect existing Canadian or German laws and regulations regarding immigration, temporary or permanent residence, and employment or occupation of foreigners.

Visa modification arrangements, similar to that concluded with the Federal Republic of Germany, are already in force with Belgium, Denmark, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland (including Liechtenstein). Canadian visitors may also enter the French, United Kingdom and United States Zones of Austria without visas.