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I

The Ministry of External Affairs of Ceylon to the American Embassy

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
SENATE BUILDING
COLOMBO, CEYLAN

No. IME/8/39

25th August, 1956

The Ministry of External Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to refer to the Embassy's Note No. 178 dated 23rd April, 1956² on the subject of non-immigrant visas.

The question of issuing gratis visas on a reciprocal basis under the provisions of Regulation 13 (2) A of the Immigrants and Emigrants Act has not been settled as yet. However, the Government of Ceylon is now able to reduce the present scale of charges for visas to Rs 2/—for a visit visa and Re 1/—for a transit visa on a reciprocal basis. It is also agreed on a reciprocal basis to make these visas valid for any number of journeys within the specified period of validity of the visa.

The Ministry would suggest that the new arrangement be brought into force by the 15th of September, 1956, if this date is also suitable to the United States Government, and would be grateful to have an early reply on this point.

The Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy the assurances of its highest consideration.

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The Embassy of the United States of America
Colombo

¹ Came into force on 7 September 1956 by the exchange of the said notes.

² Not printed by the Department of State of the United States of America.

II

The American Embassy to the Ministry of External Affairs of Ceylon

No. 53

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of External Affairs and has the honor to refer to the Ministry's Note No. IME/8/39 of August 25, 1956 informing the Embassy that the Ceylon Government is now able to reduce the fees for issuance of nonimmigrant visas and to validate these visas for any number of journeys on a reciprocal basis.

The Embassy wishes to communicate to the Ministry the concurrence of the United States Government to the reciprocal reduction of fees to be effective on September 15, 1956.

There is enclosed the new schedule of fees for the different categories of nonimmigrant visas issued by the United States Government and their periods of validity based on the terms offered by the Ministry. It is understood that the Government of Ceylon will apply reciprocal conditions in the issuance of nonimmigrant visas to United States citizens.

The Embassy welcomes the liberalization on a reciprocal basis of the conditions of nonimmigrant visa issuance for the nationals of our two countries, and it hopes that the Ministry will be able to agree to an arrangement for gratis issuance of nonimmigrant visas in the near future.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of External Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

Enclosure :

New Schedule of Fees.

American Embassy
Colombo, Ceylon
September 7, 1956

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF CATEGORIES, FEES AND PERIODS OF VALIDITY OF NONIMMIGRANT VISAS ISSUED TO CITIZENS OF CEYLON

<i>Category</i>	<i>Fee Charged</i>	<i>Period of Validity</i>
A-1 (Issued to ambassador, public minister, career diplomatic or consular officer, and members of immediate family)	None	Multiple applications for entry within 12 months
A-2 (Issued to other foreign-government official or employee, and members of immediate family)	None	-do-
A-3 (Issued to attendant, servant, or personal employee of A-1 and A-2 classes, and members of immediate family)	None	-do-
B-1 (Issued to temporary visitor for business)	\$0.42 (Rs. 2.00)	Multiple applications for entry within 6 months
B-2 (Issued to temporary visitor for pleasure)	\$0.42 (Rs. 2.00)	-do-
C-1 (Issued to alien in transit)	\$0.21 (Rs. 1.00)	-do-
C-2 (Issued to alien in transit to United Nations Headquarters District under 11(3), (4) or (5) of the Headquarters Agreement) ¹	None	-do-
C-3 (Issued to foreign-government official, members of immediate family, attendant, servant, or personal employee, in transit)	None	-do-
D (Issued to crewman (seaman or airman))	None	Multiple applications for entry within 24 months
E-1 (Issued to treaty merchant, spouse and children)	No treaty in effect	
E-2 (Issued to treaty investor, spouse and children)	No treaty in effect	
EX (Issued to exchange visitor)	\$0.42 (Rs. 2.00)	Multiple applications for entry within 6 months
F (Issued to student)	\$0.42 (Rs. 2.00)	-do-
G-1 (Issued to principal resident representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization, his staff, and members of immediate family)	None	Multiple applications for entry within 12 months
G-2 (Issued to other representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization and members of immediate family)	None	Multiple applications for entry within 12 months

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 11, p. 11.

	<i>Category</i>	<i>Fee Charged</i>	<i>Period of Validity</i>
G-3	(Issued to representative of non-recognized or non-member foreign government to international organization, and members of immediate family)	None	Single application for entry within 6 months
G-4	(Issued to international organization officer or employee, and members of immediate family)	None	Multiple applications for entry within 12 months
G-5	(Issued to attendant, servant, or personal employee of G-1, G-2, G-3, and G-4 classes and members of immediate family)	None	Multiple applications for entry within 12 months
H-1	(Issued to temporary worker of distinguished merit and ability)	\$0.42 (Rs. 2.00)	-do-
H-2	(Issued to other temporary worker, skilled or unskilled)	\$0.42 (Rs. 2.00)	-do-
H-3	(Issued to industrial trainee)	\$0.42 (Rs. 2.00)	-do-
I	(Issued to representative of foreign information media, spouse and child)	\$0.42 (Rs. 2.00)	-do-
