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CHAPTER 156

IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS

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1. These Regulations may be cited as the

Short title.

IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS.

2. In these Regulations “the Act” means the Immigration Act.

Interpretation.

3. (1) The Philip S. W. Goldson International Airport, San Pedro Ambergris Caye Airstrip and Punta Gorda are hereby prescribed to be ports of entry and exit by air.

Entry, exit
by air.
4/1973

(2) The ports or places mentioned below in this sub-paragraph are hereby prescribed to be ports and places of entry and exit by land, sea or river-

Entry, exit by
sea, land,
river.

(a) in the Corozal District:
Santa Elena, Sarteneja, Patchakan and Corozal
Town.

(b) in the Orange Walk District:
San Roman, San Antonio, Douglas, August Pine
Ridge and Orange Walk Town.

- (c) in the Belize District:
San Pedro (Ambergris Caye), Caye Caulker and
Belize City Port.
- (d) in the Cayo, District:
the Belize Western Border Station and San Ignacio.
- (e) in the Stann Creek District:
Dangriga Town.
- 54/1973. (f) in the Toledo District:
Punta Gorda, Jalacte and Barranco.
- Hunting and English Cayes. (3) Hunting Caye and English Caye are hereby prescribed to be places of entry and exit by sea for passengers brought into territorial waters of the country with the permission of the Director of Immigration for recreational purposes only.
- 61 of 1998. (4) The port and the airstrip in Big Creek, Independence Village, Stann Creek District, are hereby prescribed to be places of entry and exit by air and sea.
- Inspection of passports. 4. Subject to the provisions of the Act and of these Regulations the immigration officer shall inspect the passport of every person entering or leaving Belize, and if found in order shall affix to such passport the stamp of the Immigration Department, adding thereto his initials and the date.
- Passenger list. 5. The master of every vessel carrying any passenger to a port in Belize from any place outside Belize shall furnish to the immigration officer at the time of his visiting the vessel on arrival a list of his passenger.
- Examination of immigrants and emigrants. 6. For the purposes of sections 21 and 30 of the Act, the examination of persons shall be conducted by an immigration officer on the vessel by which such persons arrived or are leaving, or at any other place convenient for the

purpose as the immigration officer may direct.

7. (1) A temporary permit in lieu of a passport to leave and enter Belize for the purposes of travel to the border towns and villages of Mexico or Guatemala may be issued to persons belonging to Belize and to resident aliens on application made to the Director of Immigration at Belize or to the officer in charge of the police stations at Corozal, Orange Walk, San Ignacio, Benque Viejo del Carmen, Dangriga and Punta Gorda. Temporary permits.

(2) Where the applicant is not known to the immigration officer he may require proof in the form of a birth certificate or some other document of identity before issuing such a permit.

(3) Subject as herein provided a person to whom a temporary permit is granted under the provisions of this regulation shall pay in advance therefor a fee of five dollars on each occasion such permit is granted. The permit so granted shall remain valid for six months from date of issue: 28/1983.

Provided that the fee payable by any person under this sub-regulation or a part of such fee may from time to time be waived in writing by the Minister. 46/1983.

8. The temporary "pass" issued by the Mexican authorities of the state of Quintana Roo for visiting the border towns and villages of Belize may be accepted for entry and exit to those towns and villages in lieu of a passport. Border, towns and villages.

9. (1) Written permission may be given by an immigration officer to persons resident in the border villages to enter Belize without a passport or other travel document for a visit not exceeding twenty-four hours to the nearest village or town or to the town of San Ignacio. For the purposes of these Regulations the border villages or towns are- Visitors.

(a) in Mexico-
Chetumal, Subteniente Lopez, Chac, Santa Lucia,
Sac Xaan, Ramonal, Esteves Mengel, Pucte,

Palmarcito, Xcopen, Cocoyol, San Francisco Botes, Buenavista, Santa Teresa, Chumaba, Estero Franco.

(b) in Guatemala-
Yalloch, Sibal, Plancha de Piedra, Melchor de Mencos, Arenal, Camalote, Chiquibal.

(2) The permits issued to such persons shall be returned to the immigration officer on their departure.

Excursionists. 10. The Director of Immigration may grant permission to the organiser of an excursion party to bring to and take out of Belize a party of excursionists without passports or travel documents:

Provided that the organiser submits to the immigration officer at the place of entry a list in duplicate of all the persons on such excursion and undertakes, at the expiration of their visit, to repatriate all persons on the excursion who do not belong to Belize.

Persons not
requiring
passports.
77/1984.

11. (1) Every person entering Belize must be in possession of a valid passport except:

(a) Commonwealth citizens who intend to visit the country for a period of not more than six months and who possess a return or round trip or touring tickets and such valid documents as will permit them to enter the country of their destination or from which they came;

(b) Citizens of the United States of America who intend to visit Belize for a period of not more than six months and who possess return or round trip or touring tickets showing that their journey began

in the United States of America and that they are entitled to return there;

- (c) Cruise passengers of any nationality who intend to remain in Belize only during the stay of the vessel by which they arrived and to depart by the same;
- (d) Persons under the age of sixteen years who are included in the passport of some other person accompanying them;
- (e) Commonwealth citizens and citizens of the United States of America who arrive in the country overland and to whom tourist cards are issued by the immigration officer at the place of entry;
- (f) Any person who possesses a valid travel document issued by the Secretariat of the Caribbean Community;
- (g) Any person who possesses a valid travel document issued by any of the following countries:

| | |
|----------|------------------------------|
| Antigua | Jamaica |
| Bahamas | Montserrat |
| Barbados | St. Christopher & Nevis |
| Belize | St. Lucia |
| Dominica | St. Vincent & the Grenadines |
| Grenada | Trinidad & Tobago |
| Guyana | |

(2) A document other than a passport may be accepted in lieu of a passport if it establishes to the satisfaction of the Immigration Officer, the identity and nationality of the bearer and if the Immigration Officer is otherwise satisfied that the applicant is authorised to return to the country from which he came, or

that he can gain admission to some other country.

Immigration officer may issue tourist cards. 33/1967.

11:01 Upon proof being given to his satisfaction of nationality and identity the immigration officer at a place of entry may issue tourist cards to Commonwealth citizens and citizens of the United States of America arriving in the country overland.

Visas not required by certain nationals. 77/1984.

12. (1) Every person entering Belize as a visitor is required to have visas issued by a diplomatic or consular officer of Belize or where Belize is not so represented by a diplomatic or consular officer of the country that acts on behalf of Belize in the country of issue except:

- (a) Citizens of Commonwealth countries;
- (b) Nationals of countries with which Belize has concluded visa abolition agreement;
- (c) Citizens of the United States of America entering Belize for a period not exceeding six months;
- (d) Persons who are passengers on tourist vessels and who intend to remain in Belize only during the stay of the vessel by which they arrived and to depart by the same;
- (e) Intransit passengers provided that such passengers do not intend to remain in Belize for more than seven days and are in possession of a ticket and of such valid documents as will permit them to enter the country of their destination;
- (f) Nationals of the European Economic Community (EEC).

59 of 1990.

(2) The Minister shall by notice published in the *Gazette* from time to time declare the countries with which Belize has concluded visa abolition agreements.

13. The several forms set out in the Schedule to these Regulations are prescribed for use in pursuance of the provisions of the Act. Forms.

SCHEDULE

FORM 1

IN TRANSIT PERMIT

(Section 10 (1) (a))

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| <p>IN TRANSIT</p> <p>Permitted to land and to remain in Belize for a period not exceeding seven days</p> <p>from</p> <p>Director of Immigration Belize</p> <p>Permit No. T/..... /..... Dated</p> |
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FORM 2

EXTENSION OF IN TRANSIT PERMIT

(Section 11 (2))

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| <p>IN TRANSIT</p> <p>Permit No. T/.....</p> <p>issued onis hereby</p> <p>extended for a period of</p> <p>days with effect from</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Director of Immigration Belize</p> <p>Dated</p> |
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NOTE: Both the above permits are intended to be used as rubber stamps on passports and other travel documents.

FORM 3

Permit No. D/ /

(Section 12)

IMMIGRATION ACT

Dependant's Permit

This Permit entitles
 (full name)
 holder of Passport No issued at
 on and said to be a dependant of
 residing at
 (full name) (address)
 to enter Belize on or before
 (date)
 and to remain in Belize for only so long as he/she remains a dependant of
 the aforesaid and
 the aforesaid remains a resident
 of Belize.

*Director of Immigration,
Belize*

Belize City, dated

FORM 4 Permit No. E/ /

(Section 13)

IMMIGRATION ACT

Temporary Employment Permit

This Permit entitles
(full name)
holder of Passport No. issued at
onto enter Belize on or
beforeand to remain therein for the purpose
(date)
of engaging in the following employment:

2. This Permit is valid up to and including

Director of Immigration,
Belize.

Belize City, dated

FORM 6

Permit No. SP/ /

(Section 15)

IMMIGRATION ACT

Special Permit

This Permit entitles
 (full name)
 holder of Passport No. issued at
 on to enter Belize and to remain therein
 up to, and including for the
 (date)
 purpose of:

*Director of Immigration,
Belize*

Belize City, dated

(To be printed on Reverse)

Conditions of Issue of this Permit

That you shall not accept employment within Belize without the permission in writing of the Labour Commissioner, and if you accept employment without such permission you shall be deemed to have acted in contravention of the Act, and the permit may be cancelled by the Director of Immigration.

(Reverse of (7))

Extensions

(To be typed on the reverse as and when necessary)

This Permit is hereby extended for a period of with effect From It will cease to be valid as from

*Director of Immigration,
Belize.*

Belize City, dated

FORM 8

Permit No. RE/ /

(Section 18)

IMMIGRATION ACT

Re-entry Permit

This Permit entitles.....
 (full name)
 holder of Passport No.issued at
 on and who is an alien domiciled in Belize,
 to re-enter Belize after a temporary absence outside Belize.

2. This Permit is valid up to and including

*Director of Immigration,
Belize.*

Belize City, dated

FORM 9

(Section 24)

IMMIGRATION ACT

Order to Leave Belize

To:
(full name)

You are a “prohibited immigrant” within the meaning of section 5 of the Immigration Act.

By virtue of the power vested in me by section 27 of the Immigration Act I hereby order you to leave Belize within hours/days.

Failure to comply with this Order will render you liable to arrest and prosecution and on a summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$250.00 and to detention in custody pending your removal from Belize.

Dated this day of , 2 , at

*Director of Immigration,
Belize*

Belize City, dated

FORM 10

(Section 25)

IMMIGRATION ACT

Notice of Prohibited Immigrant

To:
(full name)

You are hereby notified that you have been.....

.....as a prohibited immigrant under section 27

of the Immigration Act on the grounds that.....

.....

Dated this day of ,2 .

*Director of Immigration,
Belize.*

FORM 11

(Section 25)

IMMIGRATION ACT

Notice Forbidding Landing of Passengers

To: *Master/Owner/Agent
(Name)
of
(vessel)

You are hereby notified that who arrived in your vessel is forbidden to land in Belize and you are hereby required in accordance with the provisions of section 27 of the Immigration Act, to remove the said from Belize within.....*days/hours.

Dated this day of ,2 ,at

*Director of Immigration,
Belize.*

*Strike out whichever not applicable.

FORM 12

(Section 27)

IMMIGRATION ACT

Removal Order

Belize, To Wit:

In the District.

Before the Summary Jurisdiction Court sitting at
the day of2

To and to each and all the constables and peace officers
of Belize and to the Keeper of the District Prison at

Whereas application has been made before me, by
.....an immigration officer for the removal of
..... a prohibited immigrant, from Belize.

These are therefore to command you, such constable or peace officer
to take the said and him safely to convey to the District
Prison at
..... aforesaid, and there to deliver him to the Keeper
thereof together with this precept; and I do hereby command you, the said
Keeper of the said District Prison to receive the said
..... into your custody in the said District Prison, and
there safely keep him until he shall be thence delivered for removal from Belize
on board the

Magistrate

FORM 13

(Section 28)

IMMIGRATION ACT

Warrant to convey Prohibited Immigrant back to Ship

Belize, To Wit:

In the District.

Whereas application has been made before me by the Master of for a warrant to arrest and convey back to his vessel a deserter, prohibited immigrant, or stow-away therefrom for the purpose of removing such person from Belize.

These are therefore to authorise you the Master of the said to arrest and convey the said and to detain him on board for the purpose of removing him from Belize.

Dated this day of ,2

Magistrate

FORM 14

IMMIGRATION ACT

Security Bond

Belize.

Know All Men by These Presents that I,
of
.....in Belize (hereinafter referred to as the Surety) am
held and firmly unto the Minister of Finance for the time being of Belize in the
sum ofdollars to be paid to the said Minister, for which
payment well and truly to be made I hereby bind myself my heirs executors and
administrators by these presents.

Dated this day of ,2 .

Whereaswho lately
(name of immigrant)
arrived in Belize by the vessel/aircraft

And whereas the said Surety desires to enable the said immigrant to
land in Belize:

Now the above written bond is conditioned to be void if the said Surety
do on demand forthwith pay to the Minister any charges which within three
years from the date hereof may be incurred in respect of the said immigrant.

In witness whereof the said Surety hereto hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first hereinabove written.

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of
.....

FORM 15

BELIZE TOURIST CARD

Surname.....

Christian names.....

Nationality.....

Document produced on proof of Nationality.....

Age Sex

Permanent address.....

Proposed address in Belize

Port of embarkation

1. The holder may remain in Belize for a period of one month, and applications for extensions may be made to the Director of Immigration.
2. The holder will not be permitted to accept employment in Belize.
3. The holder will retain this card for the purposes of identification in Belize and surrender it to the Immigration Officer when he/she embarks.

Date of Arrival:.....

CHAPTER 156

**IMMIGRATION (VISA ABOLITION
DECLARATION) ORDER**

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

1. Short title.
2. Visa abolition agreement.

CHAPTER 156

**IMMIGRATION (VISA ABOLITION
DECLARATION) ORDER**

67 of 1985.

(Section 8)

[10th August, 1985.]

1. This Order may be cited as the

Short title.

**IMMIGRATION (VISA ABOLITION DECLARATION)
ORDER.**

2. Pursuant to the provisions of regulation 12(2) of the Immigration Regulations, I, Curl Thompson, Minister of Home Affairs do, by this Order, declare that Belize has concluded visa abolition agreements with the following countries, to wit:

Visa abolition agreement.

- (1) Denmark
- (2) France

CHAPTER 156

**IMMIGRATION (VISA RELAXATION DECLARATION)
(GUATEMALA AND COSTA RICA) ORDER**

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

1. Short title.
2. Visa relaxation agreements.

CHAPTER 156**IMMIGRATION (VISA RELAXATION DECLARATION)
(GUATEMALA AND COSTA RICA) ORDER**
(Section 8)153 of 1991.
122 of 1997.
Ch. 121

[30th November, 1991.]

1. This Order may be cited as the

Short title.

**IMMIGRATION (VISA RELAXATION DECLARATION)
(GUATEMALA AND COSTA RICA) ORDER.**

2. It is hereby declared that in order to further develop and strengthen the touristic relations between the countries of Central America, Belize has concluded agreements with Guatemala and Costa Rica for the relaxation of visa restrictions. Under these agreements, citizens of Guatemala and Costa Rica entering Belize as *bona fide* tourists and businessmen will be exempted, on a reciprocal basis, from the obligation of obtaining an Entry Visa to Belize for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days.

Visa relaxation
agreements.

122 of 1997.

MADE by the Minister responsible for Immigration this 31st day of October, 1991.

(SAID W. MUSA)
Minister of Foreign Affairs

CHAPTER 156

**IMMIGRATION (VISA RELAXATION DECLARATION)
(CHILE) ORDER**

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

1. Short title.
2. Visa relaxation agreement.

CHAPTER 156

IMMIGRATION (VISA RELAXATION DECLARATION)
(CHILE) ORDER
(Section 8)

45 of 1992.
Ch. 121.

[28th March, 1992.]

1. This Order may be cited as the

Short title.

IMMIGRATION (VISA RELAXATION DECLARATION)
(CHILE) ORDER.

2. It is hereby declared that in order to further develop and strengthen the touristic relations between the countries of Central and South America, Belize has concluded an agreement with Chile for the relaxation of visa restrictions. Under this agreement citizens of Chile entering Belize as *bona fide* tourists will be exempted, on a reciprocal basis, from the obligation of obtaining an Entry Visa to Belize for a period not exceeding 90 days.

Visa relaxation
agreements.

MADE by the Minister responsible for Immigration this 25th day of March, 1992.

(SAID W. MUSA)
Minister of Foreign Affairs

CHAPTER 156

IMMIGRATION (VISA RELAXATION DECLARATION)
(REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA) ORDER
ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

1. Short title.
2. Visa relaxation agreement.

CHAPTER 156

**IMMIGRATION (VISA RELAXATION DECLARATION)
(REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA) ORDER**
(Section 8)

47 of 1997.
Ch. 121.

[24th May, 1997.]

1. This Order may be cited as the

Short title.

**IMMIGRATION (VISA RELAXATION DECLARATION)
(REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA) ORDER.**

2. It is hereby declared that in order to further develop and strengthen the friendly relations between the countries of Belize and Venezuela, Belize has concluded an agreement with the Republic of Venezuela for the relaxation of visa restrictions. Under the agreement, citizens of Venezuela entering Belize as *bona fide* tourists, visitors or businessmen shall be exempted on a reciprocal basis, from the obligation of obtaining an Entry Visa to Belize for a period not exceeding 30 calendar days.

Visa relaxation
agreement.

MADE by the Minister of Foreign Affairs this 13th day of May, 1997.

(DEAN O. BARROW)
Minister of Foreign Affairs

CHAPTER 156

**IMMIGRATION (VISA RELAXATION DECLARATION)
(DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORT HOLDERS)
(SPECIFIED COUNTRIES) ORDER
ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS**

1. Short title.
2. Declaration of visa relaxation Schedule.
3. Commencement.

CHAPTER 156

**IMMIGRATION (VISA RELAXATION DECLARATION)
(DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORT HOLDERS)
(SPECIFIED COUNTRIES) ORDER**

121 of 1997.
Ch. 121.

(Section 8)

[20th December, 1997.]

1. This Order may be cited as the

Short title.

**IMMIGRATION (VISA RELAXATION DECLARATION)
(DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORT HOLDERS)
(SPECIFIED COUNTRIES) ORDER.**

2. It is hereby declared that in order to further develop and strengthen the friendly relations existing between Belize and those countries listed in the Schedule to this Order, and following an Agreement reached with the said countries at Managua in September, 1997, Belize has agreed to relax, on a reciprocal basis, visa restrictions on *bona fide* holders of diplomatic and official passports issued by the said countries who will be entering Belize for periods not exceeding 30 calendar days.

Declaration of
visa relaxation
Schedule.

3. This Order shall come into force on the 5th day of December, 1997.

Commencement.

(DEAN O. BARROW)

Minister of Foreign Affairs

SCHEDULE
(Paragraph 2)

PANAMA
HONDURAS
NICARAGUA
EL SALVADOR
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

CHAPTER 156

IMMIGRATION (VISA RELAXATION DECLARATION)
(DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORT HOLDERS)
(MEXICO) ORDER

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

1. Short title.
2. Declaration of visa relaxation.
3. Commencement.

CHAPTER 156

31 of 1998.
Ch. 121.

IMMIGRATION (VISA RELAXATION DECLARATION)
(DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORT HOLDERS)
(MEXICO) ORDER
(Section 8)

[18th April, 1998.]

Short title.

1. This Order may be cited as the

IMMIGRATION (VISA RELAXATION DECLARATION)
(DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORT HOLDERS)
(MEXICO) ORDER.

Declaration of
visa relaxation.

2. It is hereby declared that in order to further develop and strengthen the friendly relations existing between Belize and Mexico, and following an Agreement reached with Mexico at the Second Meeting of the Belize-Mexico Binational Working Group on Migratory Matters held in January 1998, Belize has agreed to relax, on a reciprocal basis, visa restrictions on *bona fide* holders of diplomatic and official passports issued by Mexico who will be entering Belize for periods not exceeding 30 calendar days.

Commencement.

3. This Order shall come into force on the 3rd day of April, 1998.

(DEAN O. BARROW)
Minister of Foreign Affairs

CHAPTER 156

IMMIGRATION (VISA RELAXATION DECLARATION)
(DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORT HOLDERS)
(CUBA) ORDER

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

1. Short title.
2. Declaration of visa relaxation.
3. Commencement.

CHAPTER 156

38 of 1999.
Ch. 121.

**IMMIGRATION (VISA RELAXATION DECLARATION)
DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORT HOLDERS)
(CUBA) ORDER**
(Section 8)

[25th April, 1998.]

Short title.

1. This Order may be cited as the

**IMMIGRATION (VISA RELAXATION DECLARATION)
(DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS HOLDERS)
(CUBA)ORDER.**

Declaration of
visa relaxation.

2. It is hereby declared that in order to further develop and strengthen the friendly relations existing between Belize and Cuba, and in accordance with an Agreement signed between Belize and Cuba at the 2nd Joint Commission Meeting held in Havana, Cuba, on the 8th April, 1998, Belize has agreed to relax, on a reciprocal basis, visa restriction on *bona fide* holders of diplomatic, official and service passports issued by Cuba who will be entering Belize for periods not exceeding 30 calender days.

Commencement.

3. This Order shall come into force on the 17th April, 1998.

(DEAN O. BARROW)
*Deputy Prime Minister
Minister of Foreign Affairs
National Security & Attorney General*

CHAPTER 156

**IMMIGRATION (VISA RELAXATION DECLARATION)
(REPUBLIC OF TURKEY) ORDER**

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

1. Short title.
2. Declaration of visa relaxation.
3. Commencement.

CHAPTER 156

81 of 2001.
Ch. 121.

IMMIGRATION (VISA RELAXATION DECLARATION)
(REPUBLIC OF TURKEY) ORDER
(Section 8)

[17th July, 1999.]

Short title.

1. This Order may be cited as the

IMMIGRATION (VISA RELAXATION DECLARATION)
(REPUBLIC OF TURKEY) ORDER.

Declaration of
visa relaxation.

2. It is hereby declared that in order to further develop and strengthen the friendly relations existing between Belize and the Republic of Turkey, and in accordance with an Agreement signed between Belize and the Republic of Turkey on the 26th February, 1999, Belize has agreed to relax, on a reciprocal basis, visa restrictions on *bona fide* holders of passports issued by the Republic of Turkey who will be entirely in Belize for periods not exceeding ninety calendar days at any one visit.

Commencement.

3. This Order shall come into force on the 8th day of July, 1999.

(JORGE ESPAT)
Minister of National Security
and Immigration
Minister responsible for Immigration

CHAPTER 156

IMMIGRATION (VISA RELAXATION DECLARATION)
(REPUBLIC OF EL SALVADOR) ORDER

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

1. Short title.
2. Visa relaxation agreement.

CHAPTER 156

18 of 2001.
Ch. 121.

IMMIGRATION (VISA RELAXATION DECLARATION)
(REPUBLIC OF EL SALVADOR) ORDER
(Section 8)

[10th February, 2001.]

Short title.

1. This Order may be cited as the

IMMIGRATION (VISA RELAXATION DECLARATION)
(REPUBLIC OF EL SALVADOR) ORDER.

Visa relaxation
agreement.

2. It is hereby declared that in order to further develop and strengthen the friendly relations between the countries of Belize and El Salvador, Belize has concluded an agreement with the Republic of El Salvador for the relaxation of visa restrictions under which citizens of El Salvador holding ordinary passports and entering Belize as *bona fide* tourists, visitors or businessmen shall be exempted on a reciprocal basis, from the obligation of obtaining an Entry Visa to Belize for a period not exceeding 30 calendar days.

MADE by the Minister responsible for Immigration this 26th day of
January, 2001.

(MAXWELL SAMUELS)

Minister Responsible for Immigration

CHAPTER 156

**VISA RELAXATION DECLARATION DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT
HOLDERS (AUSTRIA) ORDER**

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CHAPTER 156
IMMIGRATION (VISA RELAXATION DECLARATION)
(DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT HOLDERS) (AUSTRIA) ORDER
(Section 8)

[2nd November, 2002.]

Short title.

1. This Order may be cited as the

IMMIGRATION (VISA RELAXATION DECLARATION)
(DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT HOLDERS)
(AUSTRIA) ORDER.

Declaration
of visa
relaxation.

2. It is hereby declared that in order to further develop and strengthen the friendly relations between Belize and Austria, the Government of Belize has concluded an Agreement with the Government of the Republic of Austria, under which Belize has agreed to relax, on a reciprocal basis, visa restrictions on *bona fide* holders of diplomatic passports issued by Austria who will be entering Belize for periods not exceeding six months.

Commencement.

3. This Order shall come into force on the 8th day of August, 2002.

(ASSAD SHOMAN)
Minister responsible for Immigration

CHAPTER 156
IMMIGRATION (PERMITS AND FEES) REGULATIONS

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

1. Short title.
2. Interpretation.
3. Fees Schedule.
4. Repeals, and commencement Sub. Leg. 1991 Edn. CAP. 121 P. 2.

CHAPTER 156
IMMIGRATION (PERMITS AND FEES) REGULATIONS

(Section 39)

25 of 1999.
Ch. 121.

[13th March, 1999.]

Short title.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

IMMIGRATION (PERMITS AND FEES) REGULATIONS.

Interpretation.
Schedule.

2. (1) For the purposes of the Schedule to these Regulations-

“entertainer” means a person whose profession is to provide entertainment to the public;

“general worker” means an unskilled worker and includes a full-time agriculture worker;

“professional worker” means a person holding a University degree in any subject;

“seasonal agriculture worker” means a person whose employment is for the duration of only one crop season;

“technical worker” means a worker who is skilled in any craft, trade, profession, vocation or calling, but who does not possess a University degree.

- (2) Where any dispute arises as to the category to which an applicant for employment permit belongs, the matter shall be referred to the Minister whose decision thereon shall be final.

3. (1) The non-refundable fees specified in Column III of the Schedule

annexed hereto shall be payable in respect of the permits or certificates specified in Column I of the said Schedule for the duration (if applicable) specified in Column II thereof

Fees
Schedule.

(2) All applications for the permits and certificates referred to herein shall as far as possible be processed and completed by the Immigration and Nationality Department within a period of four weeks.

(3) If an applicant for any of the permits or certificates contained in the Schedule hereto is in Belize at the time of making the application, such applicant shall make the application to the Immigration and Nationality Department in person, and shall personally collect any approved permit or certificate upon presentation of sufficient proof of identity.

Schedule.

4. (1) The Immigration (Permits and Certificates) (Fees) Regulations, as amended, are hereby repealed.

Repeals, and
commencement
sub. Leg. 1991
Edn. Cap. 121
P. 2.

(2) These Regulations shall come into force on the 4th day of March, 1999.

S.I. 36/1990.

MADE by the Minister of National Security and Immigration this 4th day of March, 1999.

(JORGE ESPAT)

*Minister of National Security
and Immigration*

SCHEDULE (Regulations 2 and 3)

| <i>Column I Permit or Certificate</i> | <i>Column II Duration of Permit or Certificate</i> | <i>Column III Fees BZ\$</i> |
|--|--|--|
| 1. <u>Employment Permit</u> (Work Permit) | | |
| (a) Professional Workers | one year | A fixed fee of \$1,500.00 per annum |
| (b) Technical Workers (without a degree) | one year | A fixed fee of \$750.00 per annum |
| (c) General Workers (in the banana sugar and citrus industries, other than seasonal agri- cultural workers) | one year | A fixed fee of \$100.00 per annum |
| (d) General workers (in all other industries not covered in sub- paragraph (c) or (e)) | one year | A fixed fee of \$200.00 per annum |
| (e) Seasonal Agri- cultural Workers | one crop season | \$50.00 per crop season |

| <i>Column I Permit or Certificate</i> | <i>Column II Duration of Permit or Certificate</i> | <i>Column III Fees BZ\$</i> |
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| <i>(f)</i> Self- Employed Workers (in other industries not covered under sub- paragraph <i>(g)</i> i.e. owners or managers) | one year | A fixed fee of \$1,200.00 per annum |
| <i>(g)</i> Self- Employed Workers (in the agricultural industry i.e. owners or managers of farms) | one year | A fixed fee of \$1,000.00 per group |
| <i>(h)</i> Entertainers performing in groups of two or more persons but whose group consist of less than six persons | one week or less | A fixed fee of \$500.00 per group |
| <i>(i)</i> Entertainers performing in groups of six persons or more | one week or less | A fixed fee of \$750.00 per group |
| <i>(j)</i> Entertainers performing alone | one week or less | A fixed fee of \$300.00 |

| <i>Column I Permit or Certificate</i> | <i>Column II Duration of Permit or Certificate</i> | <i>Column III Fees BZ\$</i> |
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| 1. (k) Religious, Educational and Voluntary workers | one year | A fixed fee of \$50.00 per annum |
| (l) Import/Export Traders | one year | A fixed fee of \$750.00 per annum |
| (m) Waitresses, vendors domestic and farm hands | | No permit to be issued except in exceptional cases |
| 2. PERMANENT RESIDENCE PERMIT | | |
| (a) for Central American citizens (Salvadorans, Nicaraguans, Hondurans) | indefinite | A fixed fee of \$525.00 |
| (b) for Guatemalans and Mexicans | Indefinite | A fixed fee of \$250.00 |
| (c) for Caricom citizens | Indefinite | A fixed Fee of \$600.00 |
| (d) for citizens of other Commonwealth countries | Indefinite | Afixed fee of \$1,000.00 |

| <i>Column I Permit or Certificate</i> | <i>Column II Duration of Permit or Certificate</i> | <i>Column III Fees BZ\$</i> |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| (e) for citizens of other countries not specified in subparagraph (a) to (d) of this paragraph | Indefinite | A fixed fee of \$1,250.00 |
| (f) for citizens of the People's Republic of China | Indefinite | A fixed fee of \$3,000.00 |
| (g) for the first issue of a permanent residence card | Indefinite | A fixed fee of \$125.00 |
| (h) for the first issue of a permanent residence card in replacement of one which is lost, stolen, destroyed or mutilated | Indefinite | A fixed fee of \$50.00 |
| 3. Dependant's permit | one year | A fixed fee of \$75.00 per annum. |

| <i>Column I Permit or Certificate</i> | <i>Column II Duration of Permit or Certificate</i> | <i>Column III Fees BZ\$</i> |
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| 4. Student's permit visa | For the duration of the studies | No fee payable provided a letter of admission from an accredited institution in Belize is produced upon application thereof |
| 5. Tourist and Visitor entry Permit (visa) | Up to six months | \$25.00 per month \$50.00 per month |
| | After six months (Tourists or Visitors living in remote areas away from the Immigration and Nationality Department, or potential Investors or business persons, may apply for, and may be granted, a visa for a period of three months at a time) one year | |
| 6. Temporary Border Permit under Regulation 7 of the Immigration Regulations | one year | A fixed fee of \$10.00 |