

Basic information	
<p><b>2000/0805(CNS)</b></p> <p>CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation</p>	Procedure completed
<p>Visas: Council implementing powers for examining visa applications, instrument Visa. Initiative Finland</p> <p>Repealed by <a href="#">2006/0142(COD)</a></p> <p><b>Subject</b></p> <p>7.10.04 External borders crossing and controls, visas</p>	

Key players			
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>	<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<div style="border: 1px solid red; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">LIBE</div> Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs	DEPREZ Gérard (PPE-DE)	10/10/2000
Council of the European Union	<b>Council configuration</b>	<b>Meetings</b>	<b>Date</b>
	Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2337	2001-03-15
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2343	2001-04-24

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
26/05/2000	Initial legislative proposal published	<a href="#">06841/1/2000</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>
16/06/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
02/10/2000	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">11834/2000</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>
27/02/2001	Vote in committee		
27/02/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A5-0066/2001</a>	
13/03/2001	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0124/2001</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>
13/03/2001	Debate in Parliament		
15/03/2001	Debate in Council		<a href="#">Summary</a>
24/04/2001	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
24/04/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
26/04/2001	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2000/0805(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Repealed by <a href="#">2006/0142(COD)</a>
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 062-p2/3
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway				
<b>European Parliament</b>				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A5-0066/2001</a>	27/02/2001	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T5-0124/2001</a> <a href="#">OJ C 343 05.12.2001, p. 0022-0089</a>	13/03/2001	<a href="#">Summary</a>
<b>Council of the EU</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Initial legislative proposal	<a href="#">06841/1/2000</a>	26/05/2000	<a href="#">Summary</a>	
Legislative proposal	<a href="#">11834/2000</a>	02/10/2000	<a href="#">Summary</a>	
<b>Other institutions and bodies</b>				
Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EU	Implementing legislative act	<a href="#">32006D0684</a> <a href="#">OJ L 280 12.10.2006, p. 0029-0030</a>	05/10/2006	<a href="#">Summary</a>

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>	

Final act
<a href="#">Regulation 2001/0789</a> <a href="#">OJ L 116 26.04.2001, p. 0002</a> <span style="float: right;"><a href="#">Summary</a></span>

## **Visas: Council implementing powers for examining visa applications, instrument Vision. Initiative Finland**

2000/0805(CNS) - 15/03/2001

The Council took note that the unanimity required for the adoption of Council Regulations reserving to the Council implementing powers with regard to certain detailed provisions and practical procedures for examining visa applications and for carrying out border checks and surveillance had not been forthcoming. The Council instructed COREPER to pursue, as a matter of urgency, the examination of the outstanding question raised by one delegation concerning the Council's prerogative to reserve the right to exercise implementing powers for a five year transitional period, as provided for by Article 202 EC Treaty, with a view to enabling the Council to adopt the regulations as soon as possible and in any case before 25 March 2001, date of the full implementation of the Schengen Acquis in the Nordic Countries.

## **Visas: Council implementing powers for examining visa applications, instrument Vision. Initiative Finland**

2000/0805(CNS) - 02/10/2000 - Legislative proposal

In a letter dated 9 June 2000, the Council consulted the European Parliament on an Initiative of the Republic of Finland with a view to the adoption of a Regulation reserving to the Council implementing powers with regard to certain detailed provisions and practical procedures for examining visa applications. On 17 October 2000, the Council adopted a decision aiming to amend the Schengen Agreement in relation to the Schengen Consultation Network on the issue of the allocation of visas (Technical specifications of the VISION instrument). Following this decision and bearing in mind the fact that this instrument is part of the *acquis communautaire*, it was decided, in the Council, to include it in the Finnish Initiative. The COREPER decided on 26 October 2000 to inform the European Parliament of this addition so that it could take it into account in its opinion.

## **Visas: Council implementing powers for examining visa applications, instrument Vision. Initiative Finland**

2000/0805(CNS) - 26/05/2000 - Initial legislative proposal

**PURPOSE:** the adoption of a Regulation reserving to the Council implementing powers with regard to certain detailed provisions and practical procedures for examining visa applications. **CONTENT:** The Common Consular Instructions (CCI) on Visas for the Diplomatic Missions and Consular Posts have been established with a view to implementing the provisions of Title 11, Chapter 3 of the Convention, signed in Schengen in 1990, implementing the Schengen Agreement of 1985 between the governments of the Benelux, France and Federal Republic of Germany on the gradual abolition of checks at their common borders. Certain detailed provisions and practical procedures for examining visa applications in the diplomatic missions and consular posts of Member States participating in the closer cooperation referred to in Art. 1 of the Schengen Protocol, contained in the CCI and the Annexes thereto, are to be adopted and regularly amended and updated in order to meet the operational requirements of the relevant consular authorities. In addition, a manual of documents to which a visa may be affixed has been established pursuant to Annex 11 of the CCI. It is necessary that the provisions of this manual be adopted and regularly amended and updated in order to meet the operational requirements of the relevant consular authorities. Furthermore, a manual concerning the issuance of Schengen visas in third States where all the Schengen States are not represented has been established. It is also necessary that the provisions of this manual be adopted and regularly amended and updated. Various provisions of Title II, Chapter 3 of the Schengen Convention, and in particular Art. 17 thereof, and of the CCI, provide for implementing decisions to be taken by the Executive Committee, established by the Schengen agreements adopted before 1 May 1999, for which the Council has now been substituted, pursuant to Art. 2 of the Schengen Protocol. Pursuant to Art. 1 of that Protocol, cooperation in the context of the Schengen *acquis* is to be conducted within the institutional and legal framework of the EU and in compliance with the relevant provisions of the Treaty on EU and of the Treaty establishing the European Community. It is therefore appropriate to set out in a Community act the procedure by which such implementing decisions should be taken. Since the Member States have an enhanced role in respect of the development of visa policy, reflecting the sensitivity of this area, in particular involving the political relations with third countries, the Council reserves the right, during the transitional period of 5 years, to adopt, amend and update the detailed provisions and practical procedures referred to above by unanimity, pending a review by the Council of the conditions under which such implementing powers would be conferred on the Commission after the end of this transitional period. Some of those provisions and procedures require confidential treatment in order to prevent risk of abuse. It is also necessary to provide for a procedure whereby the members of the Council and the Commission are informed without delay of all amendments to the manual of documents to which a visa may be affixed, to the manual concerning the issuance of Schengen visas in third States where all the Schengen States are not represented, and to those Annexes of the CCI which consist, in whole or in part, of lists of factual information which must be provided by each Member State in accordance with the rules which it currently applies, and which therefore do not fall to be adopted, amended or updated by an act of the Council. Those elements of the CCI and the Annexes thereto which are not subject to amendment by either of the procedures (depending on the amendment, either direct communication of the amendment to the Secretary-General of the Council or the drafting of a proposal for consultation with other Member States) provided for in this Regulation should be amended in accordance with the provisions of Title IV of the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Arts. 62(2), 62(3) and 67 thereof.

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2000/0805(CNS) - 05/10/2006 - Implementing legislative act

ACT: [Council Decision 2006/684/EC amending Annex 2, Schedule A, to the Common Consular Instructions on the visa requirements for holders of Indonesian diplomatic and service passports.](#)

CONTENT: Annex 2, Schedule A, to the Common Consular Instructions (CCI) contains the list of countries whose nationals are not subject to a visa requirement in one or more Schengen States when they are holders of diplomatic, official or service passports, but who are subject to this requirement when they are holders of ordinary passports.

Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands wish to exempt holders of Indonesian diplomatic and service passports from visa requirements. The Common Consular Instructions should therefore be amended accordingly.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 1 November 2006.

## **Visas: Council implementing powers for examining visa applications, instrument Vision. Initiative Finland**

2000/0805(CNS) - 13/03/2001 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament voted to reject the Finnish initiative on reserving to the Council implementing powers for examining visa applications and carrying out border checks and surveillance. This is in line with the recommendation of the resolution tabled by Mr Gérard DEPPEZ (EPP/ED, B).

## **Visas: Council implementing powers for examining visa applications, instrument Vision. Initiative Finland**

2000/0805(CNS) - 24/04/2001 - Final act

PURPOSE : to reserve to the Council implementing powers with regard to procedures for examining visa applications. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Regulation 789/2001/EC reserving the right to the Council implementing powers with regard to certain detailed provisions and practical procedures for examining visa applications. CONTENT : since the Member States have an enhanced role in respect of the development of visa policy, reflecting sensitivity of this area, in particular involving political relations with third countries, the Council reserves the right, during the transitional period of 5 years referred to in Article 67(1) of the Treaty, to adopt, amend and update the the detailed provisions and practical procedures referred to above by unanimity, pending a review by the Council of the conditions under which such implementing powers would be conferred on the Commission after the end of that transitional period. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 24.04.2001.