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Visas: uniform format for forms for affixing visa for travel documents which are not recognised

2001/0081(CNS) - 23/03/2001 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to present a Commission proposal for a Council Regulation on a uniform format for forms for affixing the visa issued by member States to persons holding travel documents which are not recognised by the Member State drawing up the form. **CONTENT:** Following on from the Vienna Action Plan for the implementation of the Amsterdam Treaty and the Tampere guidelines, the Commission now proposes measures within the new institutional framework aiming to render travel and residence documents more secure. With the entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty and the integration of the Schengen Acquis into the framework of the Treaty, the Commission considers it necessary to adopt additional measures for security reasons such as common rules related to the filling in of the uniform format for visas in order to ensure that the visa sticker is completed in the same way in all the Member States. The Commission considers that it is important to establish a uniform form for formats for affixing the visa. The draft proposal for a Regulation is based on the work already completed in the Council working groups. The form should be a paper sheet, which meets high security standards, in particular as regards safeguards against counterfeiting and falsification. It should present a support medium for the uniform format for visas in accordance with Council Regulation 1683/95/EC of 29 May 1995 to be affixed in exceptional cases, when the passport is not recognised by the Member State issuing the visa and should not substitute for travel documents. The Commission considers that in the situation, where travel documents exist but are not formally recognised by a Member State, the standard form is designed to provide an alternative support document to ensure that the uniform format can still be issued and applied according to the provisions of Regulation 1683/95/EC. In these circumstances, the form is integral to the implementation of the uniform format itself and should therefore be based on Article 62 (2) (b) (iii) (former Article 100 C). Finally, the legal bases for the proposals concerning documents issued by Member States to third-country nationals, Residence Permit for third-country nationals, uniform format for affixing visas and an amendment to Regulation 1683/95/EC laying down the uniform format for visas, fall within Title IV of the Treaty and thus imply the variable situation as laid down by the protocols on the position of the UK, IRL and DK.

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2001/0081(CNS) - 12/12/2001 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted the resolution by Mr Sérgio SOUSA PINTO (PES, P) subject to a few amendments. These include the inclusion of a new recital which states that within a period of five years after the entry into force of the treaty of Amsterdam, rules shall be adopted on visas for intended stays of no more than three months. Further attention must be given to new technical developments in order to ensure greater security in the uniform format of visas. Moreover, as stated in the conclusions of the of Tampere European Council, an active policy on visas and false documents should be further developed. The Parliament proposes that where the holder of a form for affixing a visa is accompanied by his or her dependant(s), each Member State shall issue separate sheets for affixing the visa to the principal and each of their dependant(s). Lastly, the period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be two months.

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2001/0081(CNS) - 18/02/2002 - Final act

PURPOSE: The establishment of a uniform format for forms affixed to visas issues by Member States for travel documents not recognised. **COMMUNITY MEASURE:** Council Regulation 333/2002/EC on a uniform format for forms for affixing the visa issued by Member States to persons holding travel documents not recognised by the Member State drawing up the form. **CONTENT:** Since the 1998 Vienna Action Plan the European Union has recognised the importance of harmonising visa formats in line with new, security aware, technological advances. The Tampere European Council in 1999 gave added impetus to this task when calling for an active policy on visas and false documents. Currently, Member States use forms for affixing visa in cases where the person holds travel documents which are not recognised by the Member State drawing up the form. Often these forms fail to meet stringent security requirements. For this reason, the European Union has drawn up this Regulation to provide for harmonised forms thereby rendering them more secure. The Regulation defines forms as "form for affixing a visa". It refers to the document issued by the authorities of a Member State to the holder of a travel document which is not recognised by that Member State. An Annex, accompanying the Regulation sets out what the form should look like. It is up to individual Member States to decide whether they should issue a separate form for dependants. Specifically, the forms must contain security features, including enhanced anti-forgery, counterfeiting and falsification standards. Similarly there will be standardised procedures and technical methods for filling in the form affixed to the visa. In order, to hinder and prevent acts of counterfeiting and forgery the specifications on how to draw up these standards will be kept secret. In accordance with implementation agreement on the association of Norway and Iceland this Regulation will have implications for these two countries. Concerning the Protocol on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland annexed to the Treaty of European Union, the United Kingdom has given notice that it will participate in the application of this Regulation. Ireland on the other hand has notified the Commission that it does not wish to apply and participate in the provisions of this Regulation. **ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 23 /02/02.

