

Pursuant to Article 20 and Article 21, paragraph (1) of the Law on Movement and Stay of Aliens and Asylum (Official Gazette of BiH" No. 36/08 and No. 87/12) and Article 17 of the Law on the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina ("Official Gazette of BiH" No. 30/03, 42/03, 81/06, 76/07, 81/07, 94/07 and 24/08) and upon the proposal of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina at its 115th session, held on 18th December, 2014 passed the following

DECISION ON VISAS

Article 1 (Subject of the Decision)

This Decision determines the countries whose citizens can enter Bosnia and Herzegovina without the obligation of obtaining a visa, using a passport or other identification document for entry, exit, transit or stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

CHAPTER I – VISA-FREE REGIME UP TO 90 DAYS

Article 2 (Visa-free regime up to 90 days)

Citizens of the following countries are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa for entry, exit, and transit and stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 90 days within the six month period from the date of first entry:

1. Andorra
2. Antigua and Barbuda
3. Argentina
4. Australia
5. Austria
6. Bahamas
7. Bahrain
8. Barbados
9. Belgium
10. Brunei Darussalam
11. Bulgaria
12. Canada
13. Croatia
14. Cyprus

15. Czech Republic
16. Chile
17. Costa Rica
18. Denmark
19. Estonia
20. Finland
21. France
22. Germany
23. Greece
24. Guatemala
25. Honduras
26. Holy See
27. Hungary
28. Ireland
29. Iceland
30. Italy
31. Japan
32. Republic of Korea
33. Kuwait
34. Latvia
35. Liechtenstein
36. Lithuania
37. Luxembourg
38. Macedonia
39. Malta
40. Mauritius
41. Mexico
42. Monaco
43. Montenegro
44. Nicaragua
45. Netherlands
46. Norway
47. New Zealand
48. Oman
49. Panama
50. Paraguay
51. Poland
52. Portugal
53. Qatar
54. Romania
55. Salvador
56. San Marino
57. Seychelles
58. Singapore
59. Slovakia
60. Slovenia

61. Serbia
62. Sovereign Military Order of Malta
63. Saint Christopher and Nevis
64. Spain
65. Sweden
66. Swiss Confederation
67. Turkey
68. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
69. United Arab Emirates
70. United States of America
71. Uruguay
72. Venezuela

CHAPTER II – OTHER CASES OF VISA-FREE REGIME

Article 3 (Visa-free regime for citizens of Albania)

- (1) Citizens of Albania who are holders of valid ordinary passports are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa for entry, exit, and transit and stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 90 days within a period of 180 days from the date of first entry and in compliance with concluded international agreement.
- (2) Citizens of Albania who are holders of Seaman's book (ID card of a seaman who has in his possession a certificate of vessel documentation), identification document for their return to Albania and general declaration (mission flight) are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa for entry, transit and temporarily stay and exit from the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina and in compliance with concluded international agreement.
- (3) Citizens of Albania who are holders of diplomatic and service passports are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa for entry, exit, and transit and stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 90 days and in compliance with concluded international agreement.

Article 4
(Visa-free regime for citizens of Algeria)

Citizens of Algeria who are holders of diplomatic passports are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa for entry, exit, and transit and stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 90 days from the date of entry and in compliance with concluded international agreement.

Article 5
(Visa-free regime for citizens of Azerbaijan)

- (1) Citizens of Azerbaijan who are holders of valid ordinary passports are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa for entry, exit, and transit and stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 90 days within a period of six months from the date of first entry.
- (2) Citizens of Azerbaijan who are holders of diplomatic and service passports are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa for entry, exit, and transit and stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 30 days and in compliance with concluded international agreement.

Article 6
(Visa-free regime for citizens of Brazil)

- (1) Citizens of Brazil who are holders of valid ordinary passports are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa for entry, exit, and transit and stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina for a period of stay not exceeding 90 days, while the total length of stay does not exceed 180 days period per year from the date of first entry and in compliance with concluded international agreement.
- (2) Citizens of Brazil who are holders of diplomatic and service passports are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa for entry, exit, and transit and stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 90 days and in compliance with concluded international agreement.

Article 7
(Visa-free regime for citizens of Egypt)

Citizens of Egypt who are holders of diplomatic, service and special passports are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa for entry, exit, and transit and stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 90 days and in compliance with concluded international agreement.

Article 8
(Visa-free regime for citizens of Indonesia)

Citizens of Indonesia who are holders of diplomatic and service passports are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa for entry, exit, and transit and stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 90 days and in compliance with concluded international agreement.

Article 9
(Visa-free regime for citizens of Israel)

- (1) Citizens of Israel who are holders of valid ordinary passports are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa for entry, exit, and transit and stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 90 days within a period of six months from the date of first entry.
- (2) Citizens of Israel who are holders of diplomatic and service passports are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa for entry, exit, and transit and stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 90 days and in compliance with concluded international agreement.

Article 10
(Visa-free regime for citizens of Kazakhstan)

Citizens of Kazakhstan who are holders of diplomatic and service passports are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa for entry, exit, and transit and stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 30 days and in compliance with concluded international agreement.

Article 11

(Visa-free regime for holders of valid passports of the People's Republic of China, passports of Taiwan and passports issued by the Special Administrative Regions of the People's Republic of China)

- (1) Citizens of the People's Republic of China who are holders of diplomatic, service and business-ordinary passports are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa for entry, exit, and transit and stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 90 days and in compliance with concluded international agreement.
- (2) Taiwan passport holders, as well as holders of passports issued by the Special Administrative Regions of the People's Republic of China (Hong Kong and Macao) are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa for entry, exit, transit and stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 90 days within a period of six months from the date of first entry only if the passport contains the ID card number.

Article 12

(Visa-free regime for citizens of Cuba)

Citizens of Cuba who are holders of diplomatic and service passports are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa for entry, exit, and transit and stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 90 days and in compliance with concluded international agreement.

Article 13

(Visa-free regime for citizens of Malaysia)

Citizens of Malaysia who are holders of ordinary, diplomatic and service passports are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa for entry, exit, and transit and stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina for a period of stay not exceeding 90 days and in compliance with concluded international agreement.

Article 14

(Visa-free regime for citizens of Moldova)

Citizens of Moldova who are holders of diplomatic and service passports are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa for entry, exit, and transit and stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 90 days and in compliance with concluded international agreement.

Article 15
(Visa-free regime for citizens of the Russian Federation)

- (1) Citizens of the Russian Federation who are holders of ordinary passports, Seaman's book (to be in possession of a certificate of vessel documentation) and identification document (travel document) for their return to the Russian Federation are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa for entry, exit, transit and stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina for a period of stay not exceeding 30 days within every 60 days period from the date of first entry and in compliance with concluded international agreement.
- (2) Citizens of the Russian Federation who are holders of diplomatic and service passports are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa for entry, exit, and transit and stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 90 days and in compliance with concluded international agreement.

Article 16
(Visa-free regime for citizens of Ukraine)

- (1) Citizens of Ukraine who are holders of valid ordinary passports, child travel document, Seaman's books and identification document for their return to Ukraine are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa for entry, exit, and transit and stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina for a period of stay not exceeding 30 days within the two months from the date of first entry and in compliance with concluded international agreement.
- (2) Citizens of Ukraine who are holders of diplomatic and service passports are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa for entry, exit, and transit and stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 90 days and in compliance with concluded international agreement.

Article 17
**(Visa-free regime in the case of possession of a Schengen visa or a residence permit
in the countries which are signatories to the Schengen Agreement or in the
European Union member states)**

- (1) Citizens of the countries with whom Bosnia and Herzegovina has a visa regime may enter Bosnia and Herzegovina with passport and without the obligation to obtain a visa for entry, exit, transit and stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina only if they have a valid multiple entry Schengen visa or a visa issued by the EU member state or the proper residence permit in

the Schengen Area or the European Union member states and after inspection done by the Border Police of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

(2) Provisions from the paragraph (1) of this Article are valid only if holders of the Schengen visa or a visa issued by the European Union member state or the proper residence permits in the Schengen Area or the European Union member states are coming to Bosnia and Herzegovina from:

- a) Country which is signatory to the Schengen Agreement
- b) European Union member state
- c) Country which signed the Readmission Agreement with Bosnia and Herzegovina that have entered into force.

(3) A period of stay in Bosnia and Herzegovina in cases of this Article is possible up to 90 days within a period of six months from the date of first entry while the one continuous stay in Bosnia and Herzegovina cannot be longer than 15 days and within validity period of a visa or a residence permit issued by the country of the Schengen Area or the European Union member state.

(4) Provisions from paragraph (1) of this Article do not apply to persons who are forbidden to enter, exit, transit through or stay in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Article 18 **(Visa-free regime for holders of Laissez-Passer)**

Holders of special travel documents issued by the United Nations and specialized agencies of the United Nations (Laissez-Passer) are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa for entry, exit, and transit and stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 90 days within a period of six months from the date of first entry.

Article 19 **(Visa-free regime for holders of diplomatic and service passports on other grounds)**

Citizens of the following countries who are holders of diplomatic and service passports are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa for entry, exit, and transit and stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 90 days:

Iran
Jordan
Pakistan
Saudi Arabia
Tunisia

Article 20
(Visa-free regime for holders of ID cards)

Citizens of the following countries may enter, exit, transit through or stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 90 days within a period of six months from the date of first entry if they use, apart from a travel document, valid ID card which proves their identity and nationality:

- a) European Union member states
- b) Countries which are signatories to the Schengen Agreement and
- c) Andorra, Montenegro, Liechtenstein, Monaco, San Marino, Serbia, the Holy See and the Swiss Confederation.

Article 21
(Visa-free regime for holders of ID cards issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of B&H)

Holders of valid diplomatic, service, special or ordinary passports who are accredited to and issued a special card by Department of Diplomatic Protocol of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa for entry, exit, and transit and stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina for a period of their assignment.

Article 22
(Visa-free regime for the NATO and PfP members)

(1) Members of the NATO and PfP forces may enter, exit, transit through or stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina if they use:

- a) Personal identity card with photograph issued by the sending state which contains member's name and surname, date of birth, rank, number (if any) and service,
- b) Individual or collective movement order written in a language of the sending state and in English and French language and that is issued by relevant institution of the sending state or of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization which confirms the status of individual or a group and approves movement.

(2) Members of a civilian component and dependents of members of the force from the paragraph (1) of this Article may enter, exit, transit through or stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina if they are described as such in their passports.

CHAPTER III – SPECIAL CASES OF VISA REGIME

Article 23

(Visa for holders of travel documents for refugees, stateless persons and travel documents for foreigners)

- (1) Holders of the following valid special travel documents and equivalent travel documents need a visa for entry, exit, transit or stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 90 days within a period of six months:
 - a) Travel documents for refugees issued by the countries which are signatories to the Geneva Convention relating to the Status of Refugees from 28th July, 1951,
 - b) Travel documents for stateless persons issued by the countries which are signatories to the Geneva Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons from 28th September, 1954 and
 - c) Travel documents for foreigners.
- (2) Exceptionally from the paragraph (1) of this Article, holders of travel documents for refugees or travel documents for stateless persons issued by: the European Union member states, the countries which are signatories to the Schengen Agreement, Andorra, Japan, Canada, Liechtenstein, Monaco, San Marino, the United States of America, the Holy See and the Swiss Confederation do not need a visa for entry, exit, transit or stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 90 days within a period of six months from the date of first entry and if the holder is allowed to return to the country that issued a travel document.
- (3) Exceptionally from the paragraph (1) of this Article, holders of travel documents for foreigners issued by: the European Union member states, the countries which are signatories to the Schengen Agreement, Andorra, Japan, Canada, Liechtenstein, Monaco, San Marino, the United States of America, the Holy See and the Swiss Confederation do not need a visa for entry, exit, transit or stay on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina up to 90 days within a period of six months from the date of first entry and if the holder is allowed to return to the country that issued a travel document.

Article 24

(Visa for citizens of Kosovo)

- (1) Holders of travel documents with a label “Republic of Kosovo” are obliged to obtain a visa that is not placed in a travel document but issued on a separate form under the special procedures.
- (2) The type and content of the form from the paragraph (1) of this Article is enclosed to this Decision and represent its integral part.

CHAPTER IV – TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 25 (Report)

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina is required to report to the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina every six months on effects of implementation of this Decision.

Article 26 (Termination)

Decision on visas (“Official Gazette BiH”, No. 54/12) shall cease to be effective by the entry into force of this Decision.

Article 27 (Entry into force)

This Decision shall enter into force on the eight day after its publication in the “Official Gazette BiH”.

CoM B&H number _____/14
18th December, 2014.
Sarajevo

Chairman
of the Council of Ministers
Vjekoslav Bevanda
