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## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

**Information from the Commission about notifications by the Member States of cases of non-reciprocity in accordance with Article 1(4)(a) of Council Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 as amended by Regulation (EU) No 1289/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council**

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**I. Legal basis**

In accordance with Article 1(4)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 of 15 March 2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement<sup>(1)</sup> as amended by Regulation (EU) No 1289/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>(2)</sup>, the Member State concerned shall notify the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission in writing within 30 days of the implementation by a third country listed in Annex II of a visa requirement or, in cases where the visa requirement existing on 9 January 2014 is maintained, within 30 days of that date.

Information about that notification shall be published without delay by the Commission in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, including information on the date of implementation of the visa requirement and the types of travel documents and visas concerned.

The present information is based on the notifications received from the Member States in accordance with the above-mentioned Article 1(4)(a).

*Disclaimer:* The publication by the European Commission of information about a notification from a Member State concerning visa reciprocity does not entail an automatic recognition by the European Commission of a visa non-reciprocity situation in the meaning of the provisions of Article 1(4)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 as amended by Regulation (EU) No 1289/2013.

**II. Information about the notifications by the Member States concerned, including on the date of the implementation of the visa requirement and the types of travel documents and visas concerned.**

The Commission has received notifications from 5 Member States:

- Bulgaria – notifications sent on 7 February 2014;
- Croatia – notification sent on 7 February 2014;
- Cyprus – notification sent on 7 February 2014;
- Poland – notification sent on 4 February 2014;
- Romania – notification sent on 5 February 2014;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 81, 21.3.2001, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 74.

## BULGARIA

Third country listed in Annex II of Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 implementing the visa requirement	Date of implementation of the visa requirement	Types of travel documents and visas concerned
United States of America	Since Bulgaria's accession to the European Union on 1 January 2007	Bulgarian nationals holding Bulgarian passports
Australia	Since Bulgaria's accession to the European Union on 1 January 2007	Bulgarian nationals holding Bulgarian passports
Canada	Since Bulgaria's accession to the European Union on 1 January 2007	Bulgarian nationals holding Bulgarian passports

## CROATIA

Third country listed in Annex II of Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 implementing the visa requirement	Date of implementation of the visa requirement	Types of travel documents and visas concerned
United States of America	Since the USA recognised the Republic of Croatia on 7 April 1992	Diplomatic passports, official passports, ordinary passports
Brunei Darussalam	Since Brunei Darussalam recognised the Republic of Croatia on 21 May 1992	Diplomatic passports, official passports, ordinary passports

## CYPRUS

Third country listed in Annex II of Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 implementing the visa requirement	Date of implementation of the visa requirement	Types of travel documents and visas concerned
United States of America	Since the accession of Cyprus to the EU on 1 May 2004	Nationals of the Republic of Cyprus, holders of Cypriot passports
Australia	Since the accession of Cyprus to the EU on 1 May 2004	Nationals of the Republic of Cyprus, holders of Cypriot passports

## POLAND

Third country listed in Annex II of Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 implementing the visa requirement	Date of implementation of the visa requirement	Types of travel documents and visas concerned
United States of America	Since the accession of Poland to the EU on 1 May 2004	All Polish citizens; all types of travel documents

## ROMANIA

Third country listed in Annex II of Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 implementing the visa requirement	Date of implementation of the visa requirement	Types of travel documents and visas concerned
Australia	Since Romania's accession to the European Union on 1 January 2007	All Romanian citizens, irrespective of the type of document or purpose of short stay
Canada	Since Romania's accession to the European Union on 1 January 2007	All Romanian citizens, irrespective of the type of document or purpose of short stay
Japan	Since Romania's accession to the European Union on 1 January 2007	— Ordinary temporary passports; — holders of ordinary electronic passports are covered by a temporary visa waiver only (until 31 December 2015).
United States of America	Since Romania's accession to the European Union on 1 January 2007	All Romanian citizens, irrespective of the type of document or purpose of short stay