COMMISSION

Notification by the Swiss Confederation to the European Commission pursuant to Article 34(1) of Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code)

(2008/C 331/07)

1. Point (a) — List of residence permits

The Swiss Confederation issues the following permits:

— category D national visas bearing the words ‘Vaut comme titre de séjour’,

— identity document L for foreign nationals (short-term residence permit; L residence permit, mauve),

— identity document B for foreign nationals (temporary residence permit type B; issued in three or four languages, grey),

— identity document C for foreign nationals (permanent residence permit type C, green),

— identity document Ci for foreign nationals (residence permit type Ci for spouses and children (up to 25 years of age) of officials of international organisations and members of foreign representations in Switzerland who pursue a gainful activity on the Swiss labour market, red),

— identity cards (residence permits) issued by the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs:

— identity card type B (pink stripe): heads of diplomatic, permanent or special missions, senior officials of international organisations and members of their families having the same status,

— identity card type C (pink stripe): members of the diplomatic staff of diplomatic, permanent or special missions, senior officials of international organisations and members of their families having the same status,

— identity card type D (blue stripe): members of the administrative and technical staff of diplomatic, permanent or special missions and members of their families having the same status,

— identity card type D (brown stripe): ‘professional category’ officials of international organisations and members of their families having the same status,

— identity card type E (mauve stripe): members of the service staff of diplomatic, permanent or special missions, general service officials of international organisations and members of their families having the same status,
— identity card type "F" (yellow stripe): private domestic staff of members of diplomatic, permanent or special missions and of consular representations led by established consular officials, and the private domestic staff of officials of international organisations,

— identity card type "G" (turquoise stripe): officials of international organisations with a short-term employment contract and family members having the same status,

— identity card type "H" (white stripe): persons without privileges or immunities who are authorised to accompany members of diplomatic, permanent or special missions and consulates; employees of international organisations not having the status of officials,

— identity card type "I" (olive stripe): non-Swiss members of the staff of the International Committee of the Red Cross and members of their families having the same status,

— identity card type "K" (pink stripe): established heads of consular posts, established consular officials and members of their families having the same status,

— identity card type "K" (blue stripe): established consular staff and members of their families having the same status,

— identity card type "K" (mauve stripe): members of the established domestic staff of consular representations and members of their families having the same status,

— identity card type "K" (white stripe): honorary heads of consular posts,

— identity card type "L" (beige stripe): non-Swiss members of the staff of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and members of their families having the same status,

— identity card type "O" (grey stripe): non-Swiss members of the staff of the General Delegation of Palestine and the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine and members of their families having the same status,

— identity card type "S" (green stripe): Swiss members of the staff of permanent and special diplomatic missions, Swiss officials of international organisations,

— attestation of functions for non-Swiss scientific staff of CERN,

— attestation for members of the families of non-Swiss scientific staff of CERN,

— identity card type "P" (blue stripe): non-Swiss scientific staff of CERN and members of their families having the same status.

II. Point (b) — List of border crossing points

Airport border crossing points:

— Bâle-Mulhouse,

— Genève-Cointrin,

— Zurich,

— Saint-Gall-Altenrhein SG,

— Berne-Belp,

— Granges,
Border crossing points for road traffic:

- Sennwald SG — Ruggell FL,
- Haag SG — Bendern FL,
- Buchs SG — Schaan FL,
- Sevelen SG — Vaduz FL,
- Trübbach SG — Balzers FL,
- Sevelen SG — Vaduz FL (border crossing points for pedestrians and cyclists only),
- Trübbach SG — Balzers FL (border crossing points for pedestrians and cyclists only).

III. Point (c) — Reference amounts required for crossing the external borders

The Swiss Aliens Act of 16 December 2005 (RS 142.20) stipulates that foreign nationals must possess the necessary financial resources to cover the costs of residence but does not specify details. The administrative practice is as follows:

- foreign nationals bearing their own costs of their stay in Switzerland must prove that they possess approx. CHF 100.00 per day. Students who can prove their identity by means of a valid student card must possess approx. CHF 30.00 per day,

- foreign nationals staying with a private individual must provide proof of their means of subsistence by means of a declaration of liability signed by their host in Switzerland. The competent authority will give advance notice of the host’s solvency. The declaration of liability encompasses uncovered costs borne by the public purse or private providers of medical services during the foreign national’s stay, i.e. subsistence costs, accident and sickness costs, and the cost of return, and constitutes acknowledgement of an irrecoverable debt set at CHF 30 000.00. Guarantees may be provided by adults who are nationals of Switzerland or the Principality of Liechtenstein and reside in either of those two States, adult holders of a residence permit (category B only) or valid Swiss establishment permit, and legal persons registered in the commercial register.

IV. Point (d) — National services responsible for border control

- Cantonal police force in the cantons of Geneva, Zurich, Bern, Soleure, Vaud, Valais, Saint-Gall and Les Grisons,

- Border Guard service: the Border Guard service carries out checks on persons at the border as part of its normal duties and pursuant to agreements between the Federal Department of Finance and the cantons (Article 23(2) of the Ordinance on the entry and visa procedure, OPEV: RS 142.204).
V. Point (e) — Specimen cards issued by the Foreign Ministry

Identity card type B (pink stripe)
Identity card type C (pink stripe)
Identity card type D (blue stripe)
Identity card type D (brown stripe)
Identity card type O (grey stripe)
Identity card type H (white stripe)
New
11020

Identity card type I (olive stripe)
11888

Identity card type L (beige stripe)
11889

The new identity cards are the following:

Identity card type E (mauve stripe)
New
32296

NB: will replace the former type 5 card (article No: 11012).
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NB: will be issued from 2009.