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EXAMPLE 3C: DUAL AIRPORT TRANSIT VISA (ATV) FOR TRAVELS VIA AIRPORTS IN TWO MEMBER STATES



Type of visa: an ATV bears the identification code "A".

A dual ATV may also allow the holder to transit through the international transit area of airports of different Member States on the outward and the return journey and therefore the names of those Member States are entered under the heading "valid for" (Netherlands and France in this example).

In this example the holder intends to transit through the airports in two Member States. Therefore "02" is entered under the heading "number of entries".

The duration of the visa's validity is calculated as follows: date of intended airport transit (in the example shown 13.09.10) + period of stay in location of destination outside the territory of the Member States + date of second airport transit (in the example shown 27.09.10), + 15 days of "period of grace" unless such a period is not granted in accordance with the Visa Code, Article 26 (2), 2nd paragraph.

An ATV does not allow the holder to enter the territory of the Member States and therefore the heading "duration of stay" should be filled in by "XXX".

EXAMPLE 4: VISA D = VISA FOR A LONG STAY



Visas for stays exceeding 90 days in any 180 day period (D visas or long-stay visas) are national visas issued by one of the Member States in accordance with its national law or Union law.

Such visas are issued using the uniform format for visas as set out in Council Regulation (EC) No 1683/95, specifying the type of visa with the letter 'D' in the heading. They shall be completed in accordance with the relevant provisions of Annex VII to Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 establishing a Community Code on Visas (Visa Code).

Long-stay visas shall have a period of validity of no more than one year. If a Member State authorises an third country national to stay for more than one year, the long-stay visa shall be replaced before the expiry of its period of validity by a residence permit.

Third country nationals who are holders of a valid long-stay visa - type "D" - issued by one of the Schengen states may travel visa free to the territory of other Schengen Member states. Such a visa also allows them to stay on the territory of the other Schengen states for a maximum of 90 days within a period of 180 days. All this, of course, within the period of validity indicated on the visa.

For travelling to the Schengen area: D visa delivered by Cyprus and Ireland however don't have any visa free value.

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