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EXAMPLES OF FILLED IN VISA STICKERS

EXAMPLE 1A: UNIFORM SINGLE ENTRY SHORT STAY VISA



Type of visa: the short stay visa bears the identification code "C".

The duration of the visa's validity is calculated as follows: date of intended entry (e.g. 01.04.10) + duration of stay (6 days in the example: the day of entry counts as the first day of the stay) + period of grace of 15 days.

In this example the holder is allowed one entry. Therefore "01" is entered under the heading "number of entries".

EXAMPLE 1B:

UNIFORM MULTIPLE ENTRY SHORT STAY VISA



Type of visa: the short stay visa bears the identification code "C".

The duration of validity is calculated as follows: date of departure + 12 months.

The duration of the stay cannot exceed 90 days in every six-month period. The duration of the stay allowed by a multiple-entry C visa, valid for between 6 months and 5 years is 90 days within every six month period according to the Visa Code, Annex VII, point 4. In this example the visa is valid for 1 year.

In this example the holder is allowed to enter the territory of Member States several times. Therefore "MULT" is entered under the heading "number of entries".

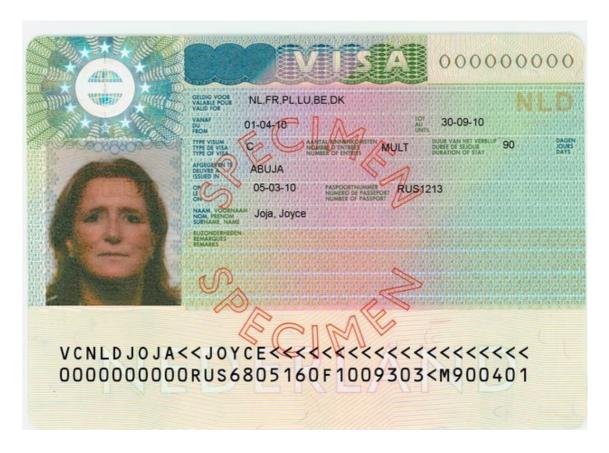
EXAMPLE 1C: UNIFORM MULTIPLE ENTRY SHORT STAY VISA ISSUED IN REPRESENTATION



When a Member State issues a visa in representation of another Member States, the letter "R/Code of the represented Member State" must be entered in the "Remarks" section, in accordance with the Visa Code, Annex VII, point 9 (a).

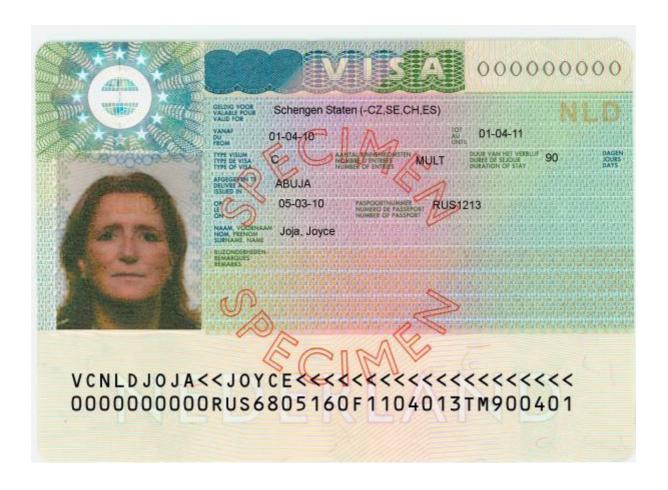
In the example shown the Netherlands issued a visa on behalf of Denmark.

EXAMPLE 1D: MULTIPLE ENTRY SHORT STAY VISA WITH LIMITED TERRITORIAL VALIDITY



In this example, the territorial validity of the visa is limited to six Member States and the codes indicating the countries for which the visa is valid should be entered into the "valid for" heading.

EXAMPLE 1E: MULTIPLE ENTRY SHORT STAY VISA WITH LIMITED TERRITORIAL VALIDITY



In this example, the territorial validity is limited to 21 Member States and the "valid for" heading is filled in by the words "Schengen States" followed in brackets by the minus sign and the codes of the Member States for the territories of which the visa is not valid.

In the example shown, the visa is valid for the territory of all the Member States applying the Schengen acquis except for the Czech Republic, Sweden, Switzerland and Spain.

EXAMPLE 2A: UNIFORM SINGLE ENTRY SHORT STAY VISA ISSUED FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSIT



Type of visa: the short stay visa bears the identification code "C".

The duration of validity of the visa is calculated as follows: date of first intended entry (in this example 01.04.10) + period of transit (in this example 6 days) + 15 days of "period of grace".

In this example, the holder is allowed one entry: "01".

The mention "TRANSIT" is added in accordance with the Visa Code, Annex VII, point 9 (a).

EXAMPLE 2B: UNIFORM DUAL ENTRY SHORT STAY VISA ISSUED FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSIT



Type of visa: the short stay visa bears the identification code "C".

The duration of the visa's validity is calculated as follows: date of first intended entry (in this example 01.04.10) until the date of the end of validity of the visa (in this example 31.08.10).

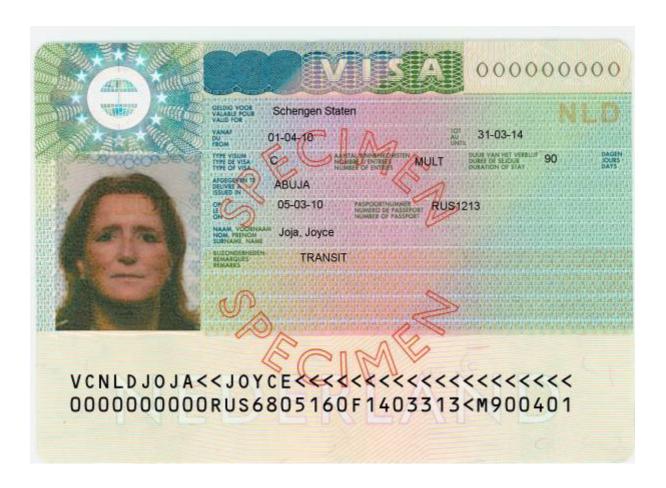
The duration of the stay allowed by a dual entry C visa issued for the purpose of transit and valid for less than 6 months depends on the transit time necessary for each transit.

In this example the visa is valid for 5 months and the holder is allowed two transits of a total duration of 7 days.

In this example the holder is allowed to enter the territory of Member States twice. Therefore "02" is entered under the heading "number of entries".

The mention "TRANSIT" is added in accordance with the Visa Code, Annex VII, point 9 (a).

EXAMPLE 2C: UNIFORM MULTIPLE ENTRY SHORT STAY VISA ISSUED FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSIT



Type of visa: the short stay visa bears the identification code "C".

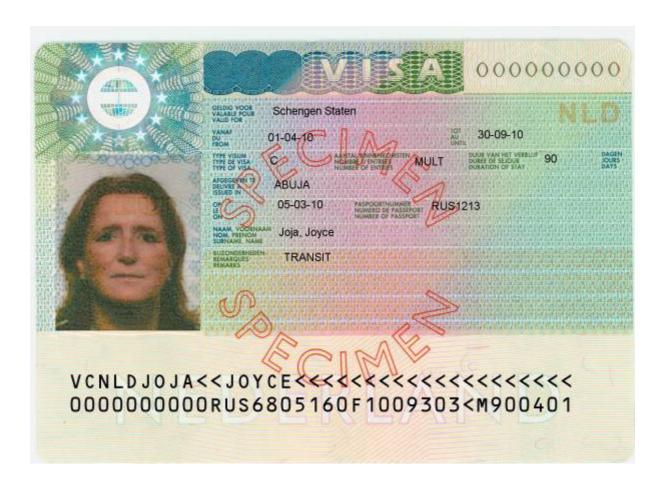
The duration of the visa's validity is calculated as follows: date of first intended entry (in this example 01.04.10) until the date of the end of validity of the visa (in this example 31.03.14).

The duration of the stay allowed by a multiple-entry C visa, valid for between 6 months and 5 years is 90 days within every six month period according to the Visa Code, Annex VII, point 4. In this example the visa is valid for 4 years.

In this example the holder is allowed to enter the territory of Member States several times. Therefore "MULT" is entered under the heading "number of entries".

The mention "TRANSIT" is added in accordance with the Visa Code, Annex VII, point 9 (a).

EXAMPLE 2D: UNIFORM MULTIPLE-ENTRY SHORT STAY VISA ISSUED FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSIT



Type of visa: the short stay visa bears the identification code "C".

The duration of the visa's validity is calculated as follows: date of first intended entry (in this example 01.04.10) until the date of the end of validity of the visa (in this example 30.09.10).

In this example the visa is valid for 6 months and the duration of the accumulated transits allowed is 90 days.

In this example the holder is allowed to enter the territory of Member States several times. Therefore "MULT" is entered under the heading "number of entries".

The mention "TRANSIT" is added in accordance with the Visa Code, Annex VII, point 9 (a).

EXAMPLE 2E: UNIFORM MULTIPLE ENTRY SHORT STAY VISA ISSUED FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSIT



Type of visa: the short stay visa bears the identification code "C".

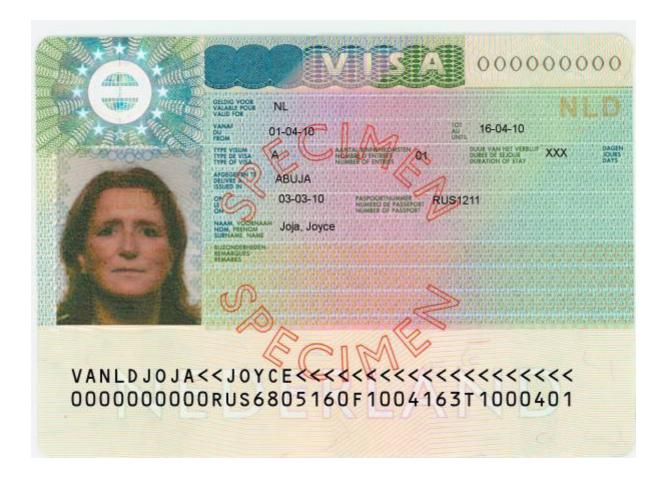
The duration of the stay allowed by a multiple-entry C visa issued for the purpose of transit and valid for less than 6 months depends on the transit time necessary for each transit.

In this example the visa is valid for 4 months and the duration of the accumulated transits allowed is 24 days.

In this example the holder is allowed to enter the territory of Member States several times. Therefore "MULT" is entered under the heading "number of entries".

The mention "TRANSIT" is added in accordance with the Visa Code, Annex VII, point 9 (a).

EXAMPLE 3A: SINGLE AIRPORT TRANSIT VISA (ATV)



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

The single ATV allows the holder to transit through the international transit area of an airport of one Member State (the Netherlands in this example) and therefore "Netherlands" is entered in the heading "valid for".

The duration of the visa's validity is calculated as follows: date of intended airport transit + a "period of grace" of 15 days, unless such a period is not granted in accordance with Article 26 (2), 2nd paragraph.

EXAMPLE 3B: DUAL AIRPORT TRANSIT VISA (ATV) FOR TRAVELS THROUGH AN AIRPORT SITUATED IN ONE MEMBER STATE



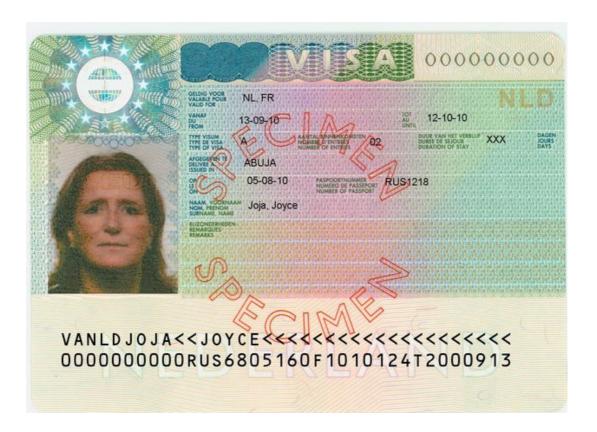
Type of visa: an ATV bears the identification code "A".

The dual ATV allows the holder to transit through the international transit area of an airport of one Member State for both the outward and the return journey and therefore the code of that Member State is entered under the heading "valid for" (Netherlands in this example).

In this example the holder intends to transit twice through the airport in one Member State 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.

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.

EXAMPLE 3D: MULTIPLE AIRPORT TRANSIT VISA (ATV) FOR TRAVELS THROUGH AN AIRPORT SITUATED IN ONE MEMBER STATE



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

A multiple ATV allows the holder to several transits through the international transit area of airports of a Member State and therefore the code of that Member State is entered under the heading "valid for" (Netherlands in this example).

In this example the holder intends to transit through the airports in a Member State several times. Therefore "MULT" is entered under the heading "number of entries".

The duration of the validity of the visa is calculated as follows: date of first intended airport transit + six months.

EXAMPLE 3E: MULTIPLE AIRPORT TRANSIT VISA (ATV), VALID FOR ALL MEMBER STATES



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

A multiple ATV valid for all Member States allows the holder to several transits through the international transit area of airports of all Member States and therefore "Schengen States" is entered under the heading "valid for".

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

The duration of the validity of the visa is calculated as follows: date of first intended airport transit + six months.

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 Bulgaria, Romania, Cyprus and Ireland however don't have any visa free value.