

**Aliens (Visas) Order, 2003**  
**S.I. 708 of 2003**

I, Michael McDowell, Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 5 of the Aliens Act, 1935 (No. 14 of 1935) as adapted by the Justice (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order, 1997 (S.I. No. 298 of 1997), hereby order as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the Aliens (Visas) Order, 2003.
2. (1) In this Order-
  - “alien” has the meaning assigned to it by the Aliens Order 1946 (S.R & O. No. 395 of 1946).
  - “port” has the meaning assigned to it by the Aliens Order 1946 (S.R & O. No. 395 of 1946).
- (2) The Interpretation Acts, 1937 to 1997, apply to this Order.
3. An alien coming from a place outside the State other than Great Britain or Northern Ireland who is a citizen of a State specified in the First Schedule to this Order shall not enter a port in the State unless he or she is the holder of valid Irish transit visa.
4. Citizens of the States specified in the Second Schedule to this Order are hereby designated as a class of persons not requiring an Irish visa.
5. The Aliens (Visas) (No.2) Order, 2002 (S.I. No. 509 of 2002) is hereby revoked.

## FIRST SCHEDULE

States whose citizens require a transit visa

Afghanistan	Ghana
Albania	Iran
Bulgaria	Iraq
Cuba	Lebanon
Democratic Republic Of Congo	Moldova
Ethiopia	Nigeria
Eritrea	Romania
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)	Somalia
	Sri Lanka
	Zimbabwe

## SECOND SCHEDULE

States whose citizens do not require an Irish visa

Andorra	Guatemala	Nicaragua
Antigua & Barbuda	Guyana	Norway
Argentina	Honduras	Panama
Australia	Hong Kong(Special Administrative Region)	Poland
Austria	Hungary	Portugal
Bahamas	Iceland	Saint Kitts & Nevis
Barbados	Israel	Saint Lucia
Belgium	Italy	Saint Vincent & the Grenadines
Belize	Japan	San Marino
Bolivia	Kiribati	Seychelles
Botswana	Latvia	Singapore
Brazil	Lesotho	Slovak Republic
Brunei	Liechtenstein	Slovenia
Canada	Lithuania	Solomon Islands
Chile	Luxembourg	South Africa
Costa Rica	Macao(Special Administrative Region)	South Korea
Croatia	Malawi	Spain
Cyprus	Malaysia	Swaziland
Czech Republic	Maldives	Sweden
Denmark	Malta	Switzerland
Dominica	Mauritius	Tonga
Estonia	Mexico	Trinidad
Fiji	Monaco	United States of America
Finland	Nauru	United Kingdom & Colonies
France	Netherlands	Uruguay
Germany	New Zealand	Vanuatu
Greece		Vatican City
Grenada		Venezuela
		Western Samoa

Given under my Official Seal

This 18th day of December, 2003

Michael McDowell  
Minister for Justice, Equality and Law  
Reform

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation)*

This Order specifies the classes of persons who are required to have a transit visa and the classes of persons exempt from Irish visa requirements. It adds the Slovak Republic to the list of States whose citizens do not require an Irish visa. It also removes Jamaica from the list of States whose citizens are exempt from Irish visa requirements.