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I, Michael McDowell TD, Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 17 of the Immigration Act 2004, hereby order as follows:

1. (1) This Order may be cited as the Immigration Act 2004 (Visas) Order 2006.

(2) This Order comes into operation on 2 May 2006.

2. In this Order—

“Convention travel document” means a travel document issued in accordance with Article 28 of the Geneva Convention;

“Geneva Convention” has the meaning assigned to it by the Refugee Act 1996 (No. 17 of 1996);

“permanent residence card” has the meaning assigned to it by the Regulations of 2006;

“residence card” has the meaning assigned to it by the Regulations of 2006;

“Regulations of 2006” means the European Communities (Free Movement of Persons) Regulations 2006 (S.I. No. 226 of 2006).

3. It is hereby declared that the following classes of non-nationals are specified as classes, the members of which are not required to be in possession of a valid Irish visa when landing in the State:

(a) nationals of a state specified in Schedule 1;

(b) non-nationals who are holders of—

(i) a valid Convention travel document issued by Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, or Switzerland,

(ii) a valid permanent residence card issued under Regulation 16 of the Regulations of 2006, or

(iii) a valid residence card issued under Regulation 7 of the Regulations of 2006.

4. It is hereby declared that the classes of non-nationals specified in Schedule 2 are specified as classes, the members of which are required to be in possession of a valid Irish transit visa.

5. The Immigration Act 2004 (Visas) Order 2005 (S.I. No. of 363 of 2005) is revoked.

Article 3.

SCHEDULE 1

Classes of non-nationals not required to be in possession of a valid Irish visa when landing in the State

Andorra	Guatemala	Panama
Antigua & Barbuda	Guyana	Paraguay
Argentina	Honduras	Poland
Australia	Hong Kong (Special Administrative Region)	Portugal
Austria	Hungary	Saint Kitts & Nevis
The Bahamas	Iceland	Saint Lucia
Barbados	Israel	Saint Vincent & the Grenadines
Belgium	Italy	Samoa
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	Macau (Special Administrative Region)	South Korea
Croatia	Malawi	Spain

Cyprus
Czech Republic
Denmark
Dominica
El Salvador
Estonia
Fiji
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Grenada

Malaysia
Maldives
Malta
Mauritius
Mexico
Monaco
Nauru
Netherlands
New Zealand
Nicaragua
Norway

Swaziland
Sweden
Switzerland
Tonga
Trinidad & Tobago
Tuvalu
United Kingdom & Colonies
United States of America
Uruguay
Vanuatu
Vatican City
Venezuela

Article 4.

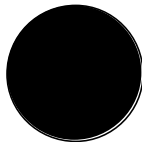
SCHEDULE 2

Classes of non-nationals required to be in possession of a valid Irish transit visa

Afghanistan
Albania
Bulgaria
Cuba
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Eritrea
Ethiopia
Ghana
Iran

Iraq
Lebanon
Moldova
Nigeria
Romania
Serbia & Montenegro
Somalia
Sri Lanka
Zimbabwe

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May 2006.

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 non nationals who are required to be in possession of a valid Irish transit visa when landing in the State and the classes of non nationals exempt from Irish visa requirements.