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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard 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)¹, and in particular Article 14(5a) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 lays down procedures and conditions for the issuing of visas for intended stays on the territory of Member States that do not exceed 90 days in any 180-day period.
- (2) In order to ensure a harmonised application of the common visa policy taking into account local circumstances, Article 48(1a), point (a) of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 provides that harmonised lists of supporting documents to be submitted by visa applicants should be drawn up within local Schengen cooperation in each jurisdiction.
- (3) Annex III to Commission Implementing Decision C(2011) 7192 final² sets out the list of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants for short stay visas in Turkey.
- (4) Following a renewed assessment taking local circumstances into account, the local Schengen cooperation has confirmed that the harmonised list of supporting documents to be submitted by visa applicants in Turkey needs to be revised. That list should be restructured for the sake of clarity. The revision should also take account of the experience gained from applying the previous list by specifying the documents to be submitted by certain categories of travellers, e.g. lorry drivers and non-Turkish nationals residing in Turkey, and for certain travel purposes, e.g. medical treatment. Documents that have become obsolete should no longer be included in the list.
- (5) With regard to applicants that are known to consulates for their integrity and reliability, it should be possible for those consulates to waive the requirements of Article 14(1) of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009, in accordance with Article 14(6) of that Regulation. It should also be possible, in justified cases, for consulates to request additional documents during an examination of an application, in accordance with Article 21(8) of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009.

¹ OJ L 243, 15.9.2009 p. 1.

² Commission Implementing Decision of 13 October 2011 establishing the list of supporting documents to be submitted by visa applicants in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sri Lanka and Turkey (C(2011) 7192 final).

- (6) Given that Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 builds upon the Schengen *acquis*, Denmark, in accordance with Article 5 of Protocol No 5 on the position of Denmark annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty establishing the European Community and Article 4 of Protocol No 22 on the position of Denmark, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, notified the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 in its national law. Denmark is therefore bound under international law to implement this Decision.
- (7) This Decision constitutes a development of provisions of the Schengen *acquis* in which Ireland does not take part, in accordance with Council Decision 2002/192/EC³; Ireland is therefore not taking part in the adoption of this Decision and is not bound by it or subject to its application.
- (8) As regards Iceland and Norway, this Decision constitutes a development of provisions of the Schengen *acquis* within the meaning of the Agreement concluded by the Council of the European Union and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning these States' association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis*⁴, which fall within the area referred to in Article 1, point B of Council Decision 1999/437/EC⁵.
- (9) As regards Switzerland, this Decision constitutes a development of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* within the meaning of the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis*⁶, which fall within the area referred to in Article 1, point B of Decision 1999/437/EC, read in conjunction with Article 3 of Council Decision 2008/146/EC⁷.
- (10) As regards Liechtenstein, this Decision constitutes a development of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* within the meaning of the Protocol signed between the European Union, the European Community, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on the accession of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis*⁸, which fall within the area referred to in Article 1, point B of Decision 1999/437/EC read in conjunction with Article 3 of Council Decision 2011/350/EU⁹.

³ Council Decision 2002/192/EC of 28 February 2002 concerning Ireland's request to take part in some of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* (OJ L 64, 7.3.2002, p. 20).

⁴ OJ L 176, 10.7.1999, p. 36.

⁵ Council Decision 1999/437/EC of 17 May 1999 on certain arrangements for the application of the Agreement concluded by the Council of the European Union and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the association of those two States with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis* (OJ L 176, 10.7.1999, p. 31).

⁶ OJ L 53, 27.2.2008, p. 52.

⁷ Council Decision 2008/146/EC of 28 January 2008 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis* (OJ L 53, 27.2.2008, p. 1).

⁸ OJ L 160, 18.6.2011, p. 21.

⁹ Council Decision 2011/350/EU of 7 March 2011 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol between the European Union, the European Community, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on the accession of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss

- (11) This Decision constitutes an act building upon, or otherwise related to, the Schengen *acquis* within, respectively, the meaning of Article 3(2) of the 2003 Act of Accession, Article 4(2) of the 2005 Act of Accession and Article 4(2) of the 2011 Act of Accession.
- (12) Implementing Decision C(2011) 7192 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (13) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Visa Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex III to Implementing Decision C(2011) 7192 final is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

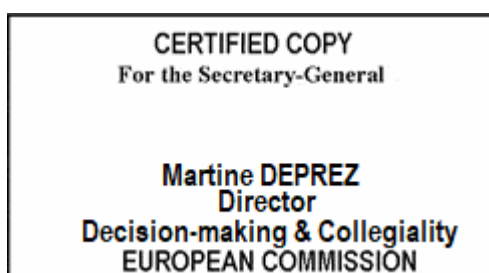
This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Estonia, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, the Republic of Croatia, the Italian Republic, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Poland, the Portuguese Republic, Romania, the Republic of Slovenia, the Slovak Republic, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden.

Done at Brussels, 29.7.2021

For the Commission

Ylva JOHANSSON

Member of the Commission



Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis*, relating to the abolition of checks at internal borders and movement of persons (OJ L 160, 18.6.2011, p. 19).



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List of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants for short stay visas in Turkey

I. General requirements for all applicants

1. Travel arrangements: flight reservations, other proof of intended means of transport, or proof of travel itinerary.
2. Complete extract of the civil registry (Tam Tekmil Vukuatlı Nüfus Kayıt Örneği).
3. Proof of accommodation: evidence of hotel booking or other proof of accommodation.
4. Proof of means of subsistence:
 - a) bank account statement showing movements over the last three months, proving the source of regular income,
 - b) proof of regular income, such as salary slips of the last three months, and
 - c) pensioner booklet, if relevant.

5. Documents to be presented by specific categories of applicants:

- a) Employees:
 - letter from employer and/or approval for leave containing the following information:
 - indication of the consulate that the document is addressed to;
 - the employee’s name and passport number;
 - date of start of employment and function;
 - length the leave and whether it is paid or unpaid leave, except when travelling for professional reasons;
 - employer’s contact details; and
 - name and position of the person signing the letter.
 - SGK (social security) statement of employment (Sigortalı İşe Giriş Bildirgesi) and SGK registration and service document (SGK tescil ve hizmet dökümü) with a readable QR code.
- b) Farmers:
 - farmer certificate issued by a chamber of agriculture.
- c) Company owners:
 - the company registration in the chamber of commerce and a copy of the bulletin of the trade register.

- statement of taxes payment.
 - company activity certificate (Faaliyet Belgesi).
- d) Students
- (higher education): Student certificate issued by the Council of Higher Education in Turkey (YÖK) with a readable QR code.
 - Other students or pupils: student certificate.
- e) Truck drivers:
- i. Guarantee letter from the employer.
 - ii. Company drivers list (Soför Listesi) including data about their valid Schengen visas (issuing country and date of expiry).
 - iii. SGK (social security) statement of employment (Sigortalı İşe Giriş Bildirgesi) and SGK registration and service document (SGK tescil ve hizmet dökümü) with a readable QR code.
 - iv. Proof of company's registration: excerpt of the Chamber of Commerce's company register.
 - v. Valid C2 certificate (Yetki Belgesi) with attachments (Taşıt Belgesi) or an agreement with a company that holds a C2 certificate.
 - vi. Valid driving licence and certificate of professional competence of the driver with a readable QR code issued by the Ministry of Transport (Sürücü ehliyeti ve Ulaştırma Bakanlığı tarafından verilen mesleki yeterlilik belgesi (SRC 3)).
 - vii. Last three transport documents: (CMR and T1 or T2) not older than 6 months showing the business relation with the company in the country of destination (Hedef Schengen Ülkeleri ile olan iş ilişkisini gösteren son 3 nakliye işine ait CMR Belgesi ve Transit Refakat Beyannamesi (T1 veya T2)).
 - viii. Invitation letter to the employer of the driver or business partnership certificate by a company in the country of destination.
- f) Minor under the age of 18 years and travelling alone or with one parent or legal guardian only:
- Written consent (approved by a public notary) by the non-travelling parent(s)/legal guardian(s) or proof (approved by a public notary) of sole custody of the travelling parent/legal guardian.
- g) Non-Turkish nationals:
- Proof of residence in Turkey, valid three months beyond the intended date of departure from the territory of the Member States.

II. Documents to be presented depending on the purpose of travel

1. Family or friends visit

- a) Invitation, if relevant, containing the following information:
 - the length of the stay;
 - details on the relation between the inviting person and the applicant;
 - the inviting person’s ID number and personal identification code of the Member State concerned (if applicable);
 - date and signature.
 - b) Proof of family ties, if relevant.
 - c) Proof of sponsorship and/or proof of accommodation (some Member States may require a national form to be used).
2. Business
- a) Proof of means of subsistence: e.g.
 - company bank account statement showing movements over the last three months,
 - b) For attendance to a fair the entry card or documents about participation.
 - c) Documents from the sending and receiving company containing the following:
 - i. Invitation from the company in the Member State of destination, indicating the purpose and length of the visit;
 - ii. The supporting letter from the sending company (see I 5.a) should also include the purpose of visit and length of stay;
 - iii. Information on the entity to cover the costs of the stay.
3. Cultural events or conferences
- Invitation from the organiser of the event or/the contract concluded by the cultural service provider or/invitation to a creative work containing the following:
 - purpose and length of the stay;
 - details on cooperation between the inviting party and the applicant;
 - information on who will cover the cost of the stay;
 - contact details and position of the person signing the invitation;
 - date and signature.
4. Sporting events
- Invitation from the sports club/sports federation or/accreditation confirming the participation in the sport event., containing the following:
 - information of the level of the sporting event;
 - purpose and length of the stay;
 - details on cooperation between the inviting party and the applicant;
 - information on who will cover the cost of the stay;
 - contact details and position of the person signing the invitation;

- date and signature.
 - supporting document from the Turkish sports club or sport federation.
5. Study or participation in EU education, training or research programmes
- original invitation letter from the university or research centre in the Member State;
 - letter from the Turkish National Agency (Centre for EU Education and Youth Programmes) or TÜBİTAK confirming that the applicant is supported by a European Union Programme;
 - letter from employer and/or approval for leave if the applicant is employed as a teacher or professor.
6. Medical treatment
- certificate from a medical doctor and/or a medical institution from the applicant's country of residence;
 - an official document of the receiving medical institution confirming that it can perform the specific medical treatment and the patient will be accepted accordingly as well as information on the cost of the treatment;
 - proof of sufficient financial means to pay for the medical treatment and related expenses;
 - proof of full or partial prepayment, if relevant;
 - any other correspondence between the sending medical doctor and the receiving hospitals, if available.'