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**establishing the list of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants in
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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 Visas¹, and in particular Article 14(5a) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 lays down the procedures and conditions for issuing visas for intended stays on the territory of the Member States that do not exceed 90 days in any 180-day period ('short-stay visas').
- (2) Article 48(1a), point (a), of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 provides that Member States and the Commission are to cooperate in preparing harmonised lists of supporting documents to be submitted by visa applicants, taking into account Article 14 of that Regulation.
- (3) Following an assessment of the implementation of Article 14(1) of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 the need to harmonise the list of supporting documents to be used by visa applicants in Mauritania has been confirmed. A harmonised list has been drawn up as a result of that assessment. The Commission considers that it is necessary to adopt this harmonised list of supporting documents.
- (4) For applicants that are known to a consulate for their integrity and reliability, that consulate may, under certain conditions, waive the requirements set out in Article 14(1) of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009, in accordance with Article 14(6) of that Regulation. In justified cases, consulates may also request additional documents during the examination of a visa application, in accordance with Article 21(8) of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009.
- (5) Given that Denmark decided to implement Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 which builds upon the Schengen *acquis* in its national law, in accordance with 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, Denmark is bound under international law to implement this Decision.

¹ OJ L 243, 15.9.2009, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2009/810/oj>.

- (6) This Decision does not constitute a development of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* in which Ireland takes part, in accordance with Council Decision 2002/192/EC²; Ireland is therefore not taking part in the adoption of this Decision and is not bound by it or subject to its application.
- (7) As regards Iceland and Norway, this Decision constitutes a development of the 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 the latter's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis*³, which fall within the area referred to in Article 1, point B, of Council Decision 1999/437/EC⁴.
- (8) 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*⁵, 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/EC⁶.
- (9) 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*⁷, 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/EU⁸.

² 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, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2002/192/oj>).

³ OJ L 176, 10.7.1999, p. 36, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/1999/439\(1\)/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/1999/439(1)/oj).

⁴ 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, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/1999/437/oj>).

⁵ OJ L 53, 27.2.2008, p. 52, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/2008/178\(1\)/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/2008/178(1)/oj).

⁶ 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, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2008/146/oj>).

⁷ OJ L 160, 18.6.2011, p. 21, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/prot/2011/349/oj>.

⁸ 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 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, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2011/350/oj>).

- (10) As regards Cyprus, this decision constitutes an act building upon, or otherwise relating to, the Schengen *acquis* within the meaning of Article 3(2) of the 2003 Act of Accession.
- (11) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established under Article 52(1) of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The list of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants in Mauritania for short-stay visas is set out in the Annex.

Article 2

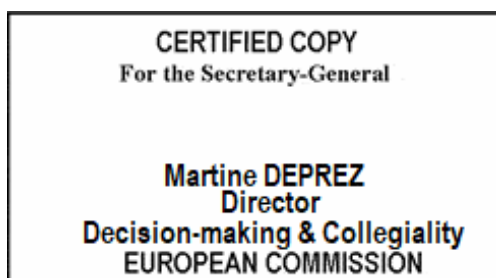
This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Estonia, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, the Republic of Croatia, the Italian Republic, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic 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, 11.9.2024

For the Commission

Ylva JOHANSSON

Member of the Commission





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

I. General requirements

1. Travel arrangements

- a) Round trip ticket(s) booking or reservation.
- b) Proof of accommodation, such as
 - hotel reservation(s);
 - letter of invitation by a host (specifying the relationship to the applicant), which includes the address of stay; or
 - proof of private accommodation using the form as per national legislation of the country of destination, if applicable;
 - a tenancy agreement or a certificate of ownership, if applicable.

2. Proof of financial means

- a) Bank statements for the last three months (and, if the bank account is not in the name of the applicant, proof of relationship between account holder and applicant, such as chamber of commerce registration, proof of direct family relationship up to the second degree (i.e. grandfather-grandson, brothers, etc.) between account holder and applicant).
- b) Salary slips for the last three months.
- c) Any other proof of income (such as pension statements, tax return, certificate of ownership).
- d) Proof of sponsorship by inviting person/organisation, using the form as per the national legislation of the country of destination, if applicable.

3. Proof of ties in Mauritania

Documents such as:

- employment letter;
- work contract;
- proof of current business;

- company bank account;
- university or school certificate;
- certificate of property ownership.

4. Minors not travelling with both parents:

- a) birth certificate of the minor and copy of the passports of the parent(s) or legal custodian;
- b) notarised consent of the non-traveling parent(s) or proof of sole custody of the traveling parent or legal custodian.

5. Non-Mauritanian nationals residing in Mauritania:

Valid residence permit for Mauritania (valid at least 3 months after the return).

II. Supporting documents to be submitted depending on travel purpose

1. Tourism

- confirmation of booking of an organised trip, or
- other appropriate document indicating the envisaged travel plans (such as reservation(s) and ticket(s) to attend event(s) at the destination(s)), or
- a detailed travel plan presented in writing by the applicant.

2. Visiting family or friends

- Signed invitation from host, and if applicable, proof of sponsorship/financial solvency by the person inviting the applicant, as per national legislation of the country of destination.
- Copy of identity document/passport of the host, and residence permit in the country of destination, if relevant.
- Documentation (marriage certificate, birth certificate) proving the relationship with the family member inviting the applicant.

3. Business

- a) Information to be provided by the inviting company / organisation / public agency: an official invitation, stamped and signed and containing the following information:
 - the full address of the company / organisation and name of a contact person;
 - name and position of the countersigning officer;
 - purpose and duration of the visit;

- person or entity who will bear the applicant's travel and subsistence expenses, if the cost will be covered by the inviting company/organisation.
- b) Information to be provided by the sending company:
- for business owners: proof of current business relations such as invoices, customs documents;
 - for employees travelling on behalf of the company: employment letter, specifying the purpose of the trip and person or entity, who will bear (and, if applicable, guarantee) the applicant's travel and subsistence expenses.
- c) If applicable, tickets for exhibitions/fairs, trainings.

4. Medical treatment

- a) Official letter by medical institution or physician in the country of destination containing the following information:
- confirmation of the date and location of the appointment;
 - name and phone number of a contact person in the medical institution able to provide information on the applicant;
 - type and duration of treatment to be provided;
 - estimated costs of treatment to be provided.
- b) Statement by a medical institution or physician in Mauritania stating the kind of medical treatment or examination needed, justifying the reason(s) for the treatment in the country of destination.
- c) Confirmation of advance payment for the medical treatment, based on the quote issued by the medical institution of the country of destination or any other proof of financial arrangements made (e.g. certificate of coverage by a credible and reliable organization (prior agreement of coverage by the local fund in the event of a social security agreement)).
- d) Sworn statement from the visa applicant agreeing to pay any unforeseen additional medical expenses.

5. Other travel purposes (e.g., sports, cultural events, short-term study or training)

Documents proving the purpose of travel .

6. Airport transit, if applicable

- a) Valid entry permit, e.g. visa for the country of next or final destination.
- b) Proof of arrangements made for onward journey, such as copy of onward ticket or reservation, and plausible explanation of itinerary.'