

9 FAM 41.104 Procedural Notes

9 FAM 41.104 PN1 Samples of Foreign Passports

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The Department (as well as other Government agencies) requires up-to-date information regarding the types of passports issued by foreign governments for temporary travel purposes, the criteria for their issuance, the qualifications of the persons to whom they are issued, the period of validity of such passports, whether more than one person may be included in a single passport, and whether the photograph requirements of 22 CFR 41.105(a)(3) can be met. The Department also requires information regarding other pertinent foreign passport regulations in order to determine, for example, whether a passport may be considered the “equivalent” of a diplomatic passport. Accordingly, the Department requests all posts dealing with a central government authority to report on the types of passports currently issued by the governments to which they are accredited and the classes of persons to whom such documents are issued, accompanied by two samples of new passports and other similar or equivalent documents which may have been issued since the previous report on the subject (provided the regulations of the government concerned permit).

9 FAM 41.104 PN2 Negotiations Regarding Extended Passport Validity

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Diplomatic missions located in countries which place a time limitation on the validity of their passports and which have not entered into agreements of the type described in section 9 FAM 41.104 N2 should invite the governments to which they are accredited to give written assurances that bearers of their passports entering the United States as nonimmigrants will be readmitted to the countries of which they are nationals for a period of 6 months beyond the expiration date of their passports. Posts should explain to the government concerned the provisions of INA 212(a)(7)(B)(i)(I) which make such action desirable. Posts shall forward the original and a copy of any assurances received to the Department under a covering memorandum, “SUBJECT: VISAS: OPERATIONS.”

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