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Ordinance
on the Central Visa Information System and the National Visa System
(Visa Information System Ordinance, VISO)

of 18 December 2013 (Status as of 1 April 2021)

The Swiss Federal Council,

on the basis of Article 109*e* of the Foreign Nationals and Integration Act of 16 December 2005[1] (FNIA)[2],

ordains:

Chapter 1   General Provisions

Art. 1   Subject matter

This Ordinance regulates:

   a.   responsibility for the National Visa System (ORBIS) and its content;

   b.   the authorities' access rights to ORBIS;

   c.   the authorities' access rights to the Central Visa Information System (C-VIS);

   d.   the procedure for transmitting C-VIS data via the central access point to the authorities under Articles 17 and 18;

   e.   the processing and the retention period for the data;

   f.   the rights of the persons concerned;

   g.   data security, advice on data protection and the supervision of data processing.

Art. 2 Definitions

In this Ordinance:

    a.   *VIS Mail* means a communication system that enables data transmission via the C-VIS infrastructure between states in which Regulation (EC) No 767/2008[3] (EU VIS Regulation) applies;

    b.   *third country* means a state that is neither a member state of the European Union (EU) nor of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA);

    c.   *Schengen state* means a state bound by any one of the Schengen Association Agreements; these agreements are listed in Annex 1 number 1;

    d.   *Dublin state* means a state bound by any one of the Dublin Association Agreements; these agreements are listed in Annex 1 number 2.

Chapter 2   National Visa System
Section 1   Responsibility, Aim and Structure of the System

Art. 3 Responsibility

[1] The State Secretariat for Migration (SEM)[4] is responsible for ORBIS.

[2] It shall issue processing regulations, which in particular set out the measures required to guarantee data protection and data security.

Art. 4 Aim

ORBIS has the following aims:

    a.   to record and store the data on visa applications;

    b.   to transmit the data recorded in application of the EU VIS Regulation[5] to the C-VIS;

    c.   to allow access to the C-VIS data.

Art. 5 Content and structure

[1] ORBIS contains the data specified in Annex 2 relating to each admissible visa application.

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[3]   Regulation (EC) No 767/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 concerning the Visa Information System (VIS) and the exchange of data between member states on short-stay visas (VIS Regulation), OJ L 218 of 13.8.2008, p. 60; last amended by Regulation (EC) No 610/2013, OJ L 182 of 29.6.2013, p. 1.

[4]   The name of this administrative unit was amended by Art. 16 para. 3 of the Publications O of 17 Nov. 2004 (AS **2004** 4937), in force since 1 Jan. 2015. This amendment has been made throughout the text.

[5]   See footnote to Art. 2 let. a.

[2] The data recorded in ORBIS in application of the EU VIS Regulation[6] is transmitted automatically to the C-VIS.

[3] All modifications and deletions of data recorded in ORBIS in application of the EU VIS Regulation are transmitted automatically via ORBIS to the C-VIS.

Section 2   Recording the Data and Transmission to the C-VIS

Art. 5*a*[7]   Electronic visa applications for Schengen visas and temporary storage of data

[1] In the case of applications for Schengen visas, the applicant may send the personal data required for the application to the visa authority electronically.

[2] The fees may be paid electronically.

[3] The data under paragraph 1 may be stored on servers of the Federal Department of Justice and Police (FDJP) for a maximum of four months.

Art. 5*b*[8]   Data processing by external service providers

[1] The applicant may send the personal data required for the visa application to an external service provider that has been assigned tasks in connection with the visa procedure.

[2] The external service provider shall record the personal data in compliance with the provisions of Annex X of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009[9] (Visa Code) and shall pass this on to the visa authority.[10]

Art. 6   Recording data in ORBIS by the visa authority[11]

[1] If a visa application is admissible under Article 19 of the Visa Code[12] [13], the visa authorities shall record the data specified in Annex 2 in in ORBIS accordance with Articles 8–14 of the EU VIS Regulation[14]; the data in Category I must be recorded first and thereafter, depending on the course of the procedure, the data in Categories II–VI.[15]

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6   See footnote to Art. 2 let. a.
7   Inserted by No II of the O of 2 Sept. 2015, in force since 1 Oct. 2015 (AS **2015** 3047).
8   Inserted by No II of the O of 2 Sept. 2015, in force since 1 Oct. 2015 (AS **2015** 3047).
9   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), OJ L 243 of 15.9.2009, p. 1; last amended by Regulation (EC) 2019/1155, OJ L 188 of 12.7.2019, p. 25.
10   Amended by Annex No 2 of the O of 14 Aug. 2019, in force since 2 Feb. 2020 (AS **2019** 2633).
11   Amended by No II of the O of 2 Sept. 2015, in force since 1 Oct. 2015 (AS **2015** 3047).
12   See footnote to Art. 5*b* para. 2.
13   Term in accordance with No I of the O of 5 April 2017, in force since 1 May 2017 (AS **2017** 2551). This amendment has been made throughout the text.
14   See footnote to Art. 2 let. a.
15   Amended by No II of the O of 2 Sept. 2015, in force since 1 Oct. 2015 (AS **2015** 3047).

[2] If the application relates to a short-stay or airport transit visa, the data in Categories I–VI is transmitted to the C-VIS in accordance with Article 5 paragraph 2.[16]

[3] The visa authorities shall also record the data in Category VII listed in Annex 2. This data is not transmitted to the C-VIS.

Art. 7   Recording on behalf of another Schengen state

[1] If a Swiss authority records the data on a visa application on behalf of another Schengen state, it shall enter the names of the state concerned into ORBIS.

[2] If the authority under paragraph 1 grants, refuses, revokes, annuls or extends a visa, or if it does not continue the verification of the application, the name of the state concerned is transmitted automatically to the C-VIS.

Art. 8   Owner the data transmitted to the C-VIS

[1] Switzerland is the owner of the data entered by the Swiss visa authorities when recording a visa application and making a corresponding decision, which is transmitted to the C-VIS.

[2] The visa authorities may copy the fingerprints in a C-VIS application data file and enter them in a new application data file. They become owner of the new data file compiled thereby.

Art. 9   Links between application data files

[1] The visa authorities may establish or delete links between application data files where the applicant belongs to a group of travellers or to a family travelling together under Article 8 paragraph 4 of the EU VIS Regulation[17].

[2] The Swiss authority recording the data of an application data file may link it with other data records relating to the same applicant in accordance with Article 8 paragraph 3 the EU VIS Regulation or the delete the corresponding links.

Section 3   **Online Access to ORBIS**
(Art. 109*c* FNIA)

Art. 10

[1] The following authorities have online access to the ORBIS data in order to fulfil the tasks assigned to them:

   a.   at the SEM:

      1.   the Residence Authorisation Section and the Entry Section: to fulfil their tasks in relation to visas, travel documents and identification,

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16   Amended by Art. 69 para. 2 No 3 of the O of 15 Aug. 2018 on Entry and the Granting of Visas, in force since 15 Sept. 2018 (AS **2018** 3087).
17   See footnote to Art. 2 let. a.

2.   the Asylum Division: to verify the applications for asylum,

3.   the Registrar's Office: for archiving,

4.   the Information Technology Section and the Statistics Service: to compile visa statistics,

5.   the Employment Market Admission Section: to verify applications under the legislation on foreign nationals;

b.   the border posts of the cantonal police authorities and the Border Guard: to carry out checks on persons and to grant exceptional visas;

c.   the Swiss representations abroad and the Swiss Mission to the UN in Geneva: to verify visa applications;

d.   the State Secretariat, the Directorate of Political Affairs and the Consular Directorate of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA): to verify visa applications and appeals that fall within the jurisdiction of the FDFA;

e.   the Central Compensation Office: to assess applications for benefits and to allocate and check OASI numbers;

f.   at the Federal Office of Police (fedpol):

1.   the Legal Services Section: to issue rulings on measures banning entry to safeguard Switzerland's internal and external security in accordance with Articles 67 paragraph 4 and 68 paragraph 3 FNIA,

2.   the authorities responsible for the computerised police search system (RIPOL): for identification of persons in connection with the supervision of the recording of RIPOL data under the RIPOL Ordinance of 15 October 2008[18],

3.   the authorities responsible for international correspondence, and the operations centre: in order to identify persons in connection with the exchange of police intelligence at inter-cantonal and international levels and to verify measures banning entry to safeguard Switzerland's internal and external security,

4.   the responsible authorities of the Federal Criminal Police:
   –   in order to identify persons in connection with administrative and mutual legal assistance, in connection with security and criminal police duties and in connection with the exchange of police intelligence at inter-cantonal and international levels
   –   to assess the suitability of a person for a witness protection programme and to carry out risk analyses,

5.   the service for identity documents and tracing missing persons: to trace the whereabouts of such persons,

6.   the authority responsible for operating the automated fingerprint identification system (AFIS): in order to identify persons under Article 102 paragraph 1 FNIA,

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18   [AS **2008** 5013, **2009** 6937 Annex 4 No II 15, **2011** 1031 Annex 3 No 4, **2014** 3789 No I 4. AS **2016** 3931 Annex 2 No I]. See now the RIPOL O of 26 Oct. 2016 (SR **361.0**).

7. the responsible service at the Money Laundering Reporting Office: in order to identify persons and to determine their residency status in connection with the statutory duties of the Reporting Office to combat money laundering and its predicate offences, organised crime and the financing of terrorism under Article 23 of the Anti-Money Laundering Act of 10 October 1997[19];

g.[20] the cantonal and communal migration authorities and the cantonal and communal police authorities: to fulfil their duties in the field of immigration;

h. the civil register offices and their supervisory authorities, and the Federal Civil Status Office: to verify the legality of the residence in Switzerland of persons engaged to be married who are not Swiss citizens and to notify the responsible authority of the identity of persons engaged to be married who are unable to prove the legality of their residence;

i. at the Federal Office of Justice:

1. the International Mutual Assistance Unit: to fulfil its duties in connection with international mutual assistance proceedings under the Mutual Assistance Act of 20 March 1981[21],

2. the Private Law Unit: to fulfil its duties in connection with proceedings under the Federal Act of 21 December 2007[22] on International Child Abduction and the Hague Conventions on the Protection of Children and Adults;

j. the Federal Intelligence Service: to verify measures banning entry to safeguard Switzerland's internal and external security under the Federal Act of 21 March 1997[23] on Measures to Safeguard Internal Security;

k. the Federal Administrative Court: for the preparatory briefing procedure for appeals under the FNIA;

l. the Federal Tax Administration: to fulfil their tasks in connection with:

1. the levying of Value Added Tax on goods and services supplied for consideration by taxable persons on Swiss territory (domestic tax) and on the acquisition by recipients on Swiss territory of supplies from businesses domiciled abroad (acquisition tax) and the levying of withholding tax,

2. the conduct of criminal proceedings and administrative or mutual legal assistance proceedings;

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19 SR **955.0**
20 Amended by No I of the O of 19 Feb. 2020, in force since 1 April 2020 (AS **2020** 917).
21 SR **351.1**
22 SR **211.222.32**
23 SR **120**

m.[24] the Federal Customs Administration:

    1. to fulfil their tasks in levying Value Added Tax on the import of goods (import tax),

    2. in order to identify persons in connection with customs investigations;

n.[25] ...

[2] The access rights are regulated in Annex 2.

Chapter 3 Central Visa Information System
Section 1 Online Consultation of the C-VIS
(Art. 109*a* FNIA)

Art. 11

[1] The following authorities may consult C-VIS data online in order to fulfil the duties assigned to them:

  a. at the SEM:

    1. the Entry Section and the Admission and Residence Section: to fulfil their tasks in relation to visas,

    2. the Dublin Sections and the employees in reception and processing centres responsible for verifying applications for asylum: to determine the Dublin state responsible for verifying an asylum application,

    3. the Asylum Division: to verify asylum applications where Switzerland is responsible for deciding,

    4. the Statistics Service: to compile visa statistics under Article 17 of the EU VIS Regulation[26];

  b. the border posts of the cantonal police authorities and the Border Guard: to issue exceptional visas;

  c. the Swiss representations abroad and the Swiss Mission to the UN in Geneva: to verify visa applications;

  d. the State Secretariat, the Consular Directorate and the Directorate of Political Affairs of the FDFA: to verify visa applications for which the FDFA is responsible;

  e. the Border Guard and the responsible cantonal and communal police authorities:[27]

    1. to conduct checks at the external borders of the Schengen area and on the sovereign territory of Switzerland,

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24 Amended by No I of the O of 21 Nov. 2018, in force since 1 Jan. 2019 (AS **2018** 4567).
25 Repealed by No I of the O of 21 Nov. 2018, with effect from 1 Jan. 2019 (AS **2018** 4567).
26 See footnote to Art. 2 let. a.
27 Amended by No I of the O of 19 Feb. 2020, in force since 1 April 2020 (AS **2020** 917).

2. to verify the identity of visa holders, to verify the authenticity of visas or to verify whether the requirements for entry into the sovereign territory of Switzerland or for residence there are met,

3. in order to identify persons without visas who do not or no longer meet the requirements for entry into the sovereign territory of Switzerland or for the residence there;

f. the cantonal migration authorities and the communes to which the corresponding competences have been delegated by the cantons: to fulfil their duties in relation to visas.

2 The fedpol Operations Centre (fedpol OC) may consult C-VIS data online as central access point (Art. 20).

3 The rights to consult data are regulated in Annex 3.

Section 2
Data Categories for Consulting the C-VIS and extent the Rights to Consult Data

Art. 12   Consultation to verify visa applications and for visa decisions

1 The consultation of the C-VIS to verify visa applications and for visa decisions is carried out in accordance with Article 15 paragraph 2 the EU VIS Regulation[28] on the basis of one or more of the following data:

a. application number;

b. first name, surname, name at birth (previous surname), sex, and date, place and country of birth;

c. nature and number of the travel documents, issuing authority, date of issue and expiry date;

d. first name, surname and address of the natural person or name and address of the legal entity issuing the invitation or that is required to bear the subsistence costs of the visa applicant during the stay, and the first name, surname and address of the contact person for the legal entity;

e. fingerprints;

f. the number of the visa vignette and date of issue of previously issued visas.

2 If the search produces a hit, the authority may consult the previous application data files for the applicant under Article 15 paragraph 3 of the EU VIS Regulation and the linked application data files under Article 8 paragraph 4 of the EU VIS Regulation.

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[28]   See footnote to Art. 2 let. a.

Art. 13   Consultation during checks on the Schengen external borders or on Swiss sovereign territory

[1] The consultation of the C-VIS during checks at crossing points on the external borders of the Schengen area in order to verify identity of the visa holder or the authenticity of the visa or to verify whether the requirements for entry into Schengen area are met is carried out in accordance with Article 18 paragraph 1 EU VIS Regulation[29] on the basis of the visa vignette number and the visa holder's fingerprints.

[2] If the search produces a hit, the authority may under Article 18 paragraph 4 EU VIS Regulation consult the data in categories I, II and V–VII in accordance with Annex 3.

[3] The consultation of the C-VIS to verify the identity of the visa holder or the authenticity of the visa or to verify whether the requirements for entry into Swiss sovereign territory or for residence there are met is carried out in accordance with Article 19 paragraph 1 EU VIS Regulation on the basis of the visa vignette number and the visa holder's fingerprints or solely on the basis of the visa vignette number.

[4] If the search produces a hit, the authority may under Article 19 paragraph 2 EU VIS Regulation consult the data in the categories mentioned in paragraph 2.

Art. 14   Consultation for identification

[1] Consultation of the C-VIS solely on the basis of fingerprints may be carried out under Article 20 paragraph 1 EU VIS Regulation[30] if:

  a.   the verification of a visa holder under Article 13 was not successfully;

  b.   there is doubt as to the identity of the visa holder or the authenticity of the visa or of the travel documents;

  c.   the identity of a person without a visa must be verified.

[2] If the consultation on the basis of fingerprints is not successful or if it cannot be used, a consultation on the basis of the following data may be carried out:

  a.   first name, surname, name at birth (previous surname), sex, and date, place and country the birth; or

  b.   nature and number of the travel documents, issuing authority, date of issue and expiry date.

[3] The consultation under paragraph 2 may be carried out in combination with current nationality or nationality at birth.

[4] If the search produces a hit, the authority may under Article 20 paragraph 2 EU VIS Regulation consult the data in categories I–VII in accordance with Annex 3.

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29   See footnote to Art. 2 let. a.
30   See footnote to Art. 2 let. a.

Art. 15 Consultation to determine the responsible Dublin state

[1] The consultation of the C-VIS to determine the responsible Dublin state in accordance with Articles 12 and 34 of Regulation (EC) No 604/2013[31] (EU Dublin-Ordinance) is carried out on the basis of the asylum seeker's fingerprints.

[2] If the consultation on the basis of the fingerprints is unsuccessful or cannot be used, the consultation may be carried out in accordance with the procedure under Article 14 paragraphs 2 and 3.

[3] If the search produces a hit and if a visa has been issued or extended that expired no later than six months before the date on which the asylum application was filed, the data in categories I, II, VI and VII in accordance with Annex 3 may be consulted in accordance with Article 21 paragraph 2 the EU VIS Regulation[32].

[4] Only applications that are linked due to the applicants belonging to the same family may be consulted.

Art. 16 Consultation to verify asylum applications

[1] The consultation of the C-VIS to verify an asylum application is carried out on the basis of the asylum seeker's fingerprints.

[2] If the consultation on the basis of the fingerprints is unsuccessful or cannot be used, the consultation may be carried out in accordance with the procedure under Article 14 paragraphs 2 and 3.

[3] If the search produces a hit and if a visa has been issued, the data in categories I, II and V–VII in accordance with Annex 3 may be consulted in accordance with Article 22 paragraph 2 the EU VIS Regulation[33].

[4] Only applications that are linked due to the applicants belonging to the same family may be consulted, together with the various related application data files for the same applicant.

Section 3 Access to C-VIS via the Central Access Point

Art. 17 Federal authorities that may request data

The following federal authorities may request C-VIS data in accordance with Article 109*a* paragraph 3 letters a–c FNIA:

    a. at fedpol:

        1. the operations centre,

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[31] Regulation (EU) No 604/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council 26 June 2013 establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national or a stateless person (recast), version in accordance with OJ L 180 of 29.6.2013, p. 31.

[32] See footnote to Art. 2 let. a.

[33] See footnote to Art. 2 let. a.

2.   the Federal Criminal Police,

3.   the International Identifications Service;

b.   at the Federal Intelligence Service:

1.   the Procurement Section,

2.   the Evaluation Section,

3.   Counter Terrorism Coordination,

4.   Intelligence Service Coordination,

5.   Counter Extremism Coordination,

6.   Non-Proliferation Coordination,

7.   the Aliens Division;

c.   at the Office of the Attorney General of Switzerland:

1.   the Legal Services Section: to implement the decisions of the Criminal Chamber of the Federal Criminal Court, in particular in application of Article 82 paragraph 1 of the Ordinance of 24 October 2007[34] on Admission, Period of Stay and Employment,

2.   the divisions on international mutual assistance, state security, terrorism and white-collar crime in Bern, and the divisions on white-collar crime, organised crime and money laundering in the offices in Lausanne, Lugano and Zurich: to combat international felonies and misdemeanours and prosecute offences subject to federal jurisdiction in accordance with Articles 336 and 337 of the Criminal Code[35].

Art. 18   Cantonal and communal authorities that may request data

The following cantonal and communal authorities may request C-VIS data in accordance with Article 109*a* paragraph 3 letter d FNIA:

a.   the cantonal police authorities;

b.   the communal police authorities in the cities of Zurich, Winterthur, Lausanne, Chiasso and Lugano;

c.   the prosecution authorities via the cantonal police authorities.

Art. 19   Procedure for receiving data

[1] The authorities under Articles 17 and 18 shall submit an application for access to the C-VIS data with a statement of the grounds to fedpol OC in paper form or electronically.

[2] In urgent exceptional cases, an authority may also submit an application verbally. The fedpol OC shall process the application immediately and verify subsequently whether the requirements under Article 20 have been met and whether it is actually an urgent exceptional case. Retrospective verification must be carried out immediately after the application is processed.

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34   SR **142.201**
35   SR **311.0**

3 Fedpol set out the modalities of the procedure in processing regulations.

Art. 20   Requirements for receiving the data

The fedpol OC shall verify whether:

    a.   the data is required to prevent, disclose or investigate offences under Article 286 paragraph 2 letter a of the Criminal Procedure Code[36] (CPC);

    b.   its transmission is justified in the specific case;

    c.   there are justified grounds to assume that its transmission will considerably assist in preventing, disclosing or investigating offences under Article 286 paragraph 2 letter a CPC.

Art. 21   Consultation and transmission of the data

1 If the requirements under Article 20 are met, the fedpol OC shall consult the C-VIS data. The consultation may be carried out only on the basis of the data specified in Article 5 paragraph 2 of Decision 2008/633/JHA[37] (EU VIS Decision) and in accordance with the rights to consult data set out in Annex 3.

2 If the consultation produces a hit, the fedpol OC shall transmit the data specified in Article 5 paragraph 3 of the EU VIS Decision to the authority by secure means.

Art. 22   Exchange of information with EU member states not bound by the EU VIS Regulation

1 The EU member states where the EU VIS Regulation[38] is not in force may submit applications to obtain C-VIS data either directly to the fedpol OC via the secure connections intended for criminal police correspondence or to the other authorities in accordance with Articles 17 and 18.

2 The fedpol OC shall verify the applications and respond to them directly.

3 The procedure is governed by Article 19.

4 The fedpol OC may, with a view to obtaining information in relation to visas, submit applications to the responsible authorities in the EU member states where the EU VIS Regulation is not in force.

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36   SR **312.0**
37   Council Decision 2008/633/JHA of 23 June 2008 concerning access for consultation of the Visa Information System (VIS) by designated authorities of Member States and by Europol for the purposes of the prevention, detection and investigation of terrorist offences and of other serious criminal offences, version in accordance with OJ L 218 of 13.8.2008, p. 129.
38   See footnote to Art. 2 let. a.

Chapter 4   Consultation of Other Databases and VIS Mail

Art. 23   Consultation of other databases

On receipt of a visa application, the visa authorities shall systematically consult the following databases via ORBIS, provided they are entitled to do so:

  a.   the Central Migration Information System (ZEMIS) in accordance with the ZEMIS Ordinance of 12 April 2006[39];

  b.   RIPOL in accordance with the RIPOL Ordinance of 15 October 2008[40];

  c.   the Schengen Information System (SIS) in accordance with the N-SIS Ordinance of 8 March 2013[41];

  d.[42] the Interpol Automated Search Facility database (ASF Interpol) in accordance with the Interpol Ordinance of 21 June 2013[43].

Art. 24   VIS Mail

The federal and cantonal visa authorities and the communal authorities to which the related competences have been delegated shall use VIS Mail to transmit the following forms of information:

  a.   communications in the context of consular cooperation in connection with a visa application or communications relating to requests to transmit documents connected with the visa application or copies of these documents in electronic form under Article 16 paragraph 3 EU VIS Regulation[44];

  b.   communications on incorrect data in the C-VIS under Article 24 paragraph 2 EU VIS Regulation;

  c.   a notice under Article 25 paragraph 2 EU VIS Regulation that an applicant has acquired the citizenship of a Schengen state;

  d.[45] requests for consultations and answers relating to previous consultations between the central visa authorities under Article 22 paragraph 1 of the Visa Code[46] and Article 16 paragraph 2 of the EU VIS Regulation;

  e.[47] information about visas that are issued by consulates under Article 31 paragraph 1 of the Visa Code and Article 16 paragraph 3 der EU VIS Regulation to citizens of certain countries of origin or certain groups of citizens.

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39   SR **142.513**
40   [AS **2008** 5013, **2009** 6937 Annex 4 No II 15, **2011** 1031 Annex 3 No 4, **2014** 3789 No I 4. AS **2016** 3931 Annex 2 No I]. See now the RIPOL O of 26 Oct. 2016 (SR **361.0**).
41   SR **362.0**
42   Amended by No I of the O of 19 Feb. 2020, in force since 1 April 2020 (AS **2020** 917).
43   SR **366.1**
44   See footnote to Art. 2 let. a.
45   Inserted by No I of the O of 28 Oct. 2015, in force since 1 Jan. 2016 (AS **2015** 4235).
46   See footnote to Art. 6 para. 1.
47   Inserted by No I of the O of 28 Oct. 2015, in force since 1 Jan. 2016 (AS **2015** 4235).

Chapter 5   Data Protection, Data Security and Supervision
Section 1   Data Processing

Art. 25   Processing principle

Only Swiss authorities may modify the data that they transmit to C-VIS.

Art. 26   Storing the data in ORBIS

[1] The ORBIS data shall be stored for a maximum of five years.

[2] This period begins:

   a.   in the case of the issue of a visa: on the day that the term of validity expires;

   b.   in the case the extension of a visa: on the day that new term of validity;

   c.   in the event of the withdrawal of the application or the termination or non-continuation of the verification of an application: on the creation of the application data file in ORBIS;

   d.   in the event of the denial, cancellation or the revocation of a visa: with the corresponding decision of the visa authority.

Art. 27   Deletion of data

[1] If a person acquires Swiss citizenship:

   a.   the visa authorities shall immediately delete the application data files in ORBIS relating to the person concerned and if applicable the links with data records of his or her spouse, children or the group with which he or she travelled, provided the application data was recorded by the Swiss authorities;

   b.   the SEM shall give immediate notice of this to the Schengen states that recorded the visa data.

[2] The citizenship authorities must notify the SEM (Visa Principles Section) of the naturalisation.

[3] If the decision to deny a visa is overturned by the competent appellate authority repealed, the data on the the rejection of the visa in ORBIS shall be deleted by the authority that denied the visa as soon as the appeal decision is final.

Art. 28   Quality of data

[1] If there are indications that C-VIS data or ORBIS data recorded by the Swiss authorities is incorrect or incomplete or has been processed unlawfully, the SEM must be notified of this immediately in writing.

[2] The SEM shall take the required action immediately.

Art. 29   Storing the data from the C-VIS

[1] In accordance with Article 30 EU VIS Regulation[48], C-VIS data may be stored in ZEMIS, in ORBIS, in the RUMACA information system of the Border Guard or in corresponding information systems of the cantonal and communal police authorities if storage is required in the specific case and for as long as the relevant case is being processed.[49]

[2] The authorities under Articles 17 and 18 must immediately destroy the data received from the fedpol OC unless it is required for the purposes of the EU VIS Decision[50]. They must destroy the data as soon as it is no longer required.

[3] Any use of data in contravention of paragraphs 1 and 2 constitutes an abuse as defined in Article 120*d* FNIA.

Art. 30   Disclosure of data to third countries or international organisations

[1] The C-VIS data may neither be disclosed to third countries nor to international organisations.

[2] The following C-VIS data about a person may be disclosed to third countries or international organisations in accordance with the Annex to the EU VIS Regulation[51] in specific cases in order to prove the identity of a citizen of a third country, including for the purpose of repatriation, if the conditions under Article 31 the EU VIS Regulation are fulfilled:

  a.   first name, surname, name at birth, sex, and date, place and country of birth;

  b.   current nationality and nationality at birth;

  c.   type and number of the travel documents, issuing authority, date of issue and expiry date;

  d.   applicant's home address;

  e.   for minors: first name and surname of the person holding custody or of the guardian.

[3] The ORBIS data that is not transmitted to the C-VIS may be disclosed in the specific case in accordance with the conditions set out in Article 105 FNIA.

Section 2   Rights of the Persons Concerned

Art. 31   Right to information or to correction or deletion of data

[1] If a person asserts his or her right to information or to the correction or deletion of data in ORBIS or in the C-VIS, he or she must provide proof of identity and submit a written application to the SEM.

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48   See footnote to Art. 2 let. a.
49   Amended by No I of the O of 19 Feb. 2020, in force since 1 April 2020 (AS **2020** 917).
50   See footnote to Art. 21 para. 1.
51   See footnote to Art. 2 let. a.

[2] The SEM shall process the request for information in consultation with the authority that recorded the data in ORBIS, or with the state that transmitted the data to the C-VIS.

[3] It shall register the request for information.

[4] If a person asserts his or her right to the correction or deletion of C-VIS data that was not recorded by the Swiss authorities, the SEM must contact the state that recorded the data within 14 days and must transmit the application to it. The SEM shall notify the person concerned of the transmission of the application.

[5] It shall process requests for information, correction or deletion immediately.

[6] It shall immediately confirm to the person concerned in writing that it has corrected or deleted the data. If it is not prepared to correct or delete the data, it shall provide reasons for this.

Art. 32 Duty to provide information

[1] When procuring biometric data and personal data on the applicant, the applicant shall be notified in writing of the following:

   a. the identity of the proprietor of the data collection;

   b. the purpose of processing the data in ORBIS and in the C-VIS;

   c. the categories of the data recipient;

   d. the duration of the storage of data in ORBIS and in the C-VIS;

   e. that the recording of the data is required to verify the application;

   f. that he or she has a right to information, correction and deletion, the procedure for asserting these rights and how to contact the Federal Data Protection and Information Commissioner (FDPIC).

[2] The natural person or legal entity that has invited the applicant or must bear the costs of subsistence during his or her stay shall also receive the information under paragraph 1.

Art. 33 Liability

Liability for loss or damage in connection with the operation of ORBIS is governed by the Government Liability Act of 14 March 1958[52], and in particular by its Articles 19*a*–19*c*, which apply mutatis mutandis.

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[52] SR **170.32**

Section 3
Data Security, Advice on Data Protection and Supervision
of Data Processing

Art. 34   Data security

Data security is governed by:

a.   the Ordinance of 14 June 1993[53] to the Federal Act on Data Protection;

b.[54] the Cyber Risks Ordinance of 27 May 2020[55];

c.[56] ...

Art. 35   Statistics

[1] In order to fulfil its statutory duties, the SEM shall periodically compile statistics based on the data recorded in ORBIS.

[2] It shall publish the most important statistics.

[3] On request, it may provide authorities, private individuals or organisations with additional statistics that they require.

[4] In consultation with the Swiss Federal Statistical Office, it may also compile statistics on the C-VIS. The access rights for this purpose are specified in Annex 3 adopted.

[5] The statistics may not permit conclusions to be drawn as to the persons concerned.

Art. 36   Advice on data protection

[1] The data protection adviser to the FDJP shall provide support to ensure compliance with the data protection regulations. He or she shall coordinate with the federal offices involved so that they fulfil their duties under paragraph 2.[57]

[2] The data protection advisers to the federal offices involved shall in their particular field ensure:

a.   that the persons processing data are properly informed;

b.   that these persons are properly trained;

c.   that the required checks are carried out;

d.   that defects are rectified rapidly;

e.   that the FDJP data protection adviser is notified of the need for coordination.

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53   SR **235.11**
54   Amended by Annex No 3 of the O of 25 Nov. 2020 on the Digital Transformation and
      ICT, in force since 1 Jan. 2021 (AS **2020** 5871).
55   SR **120.73**
56   Repealed by Annex No 4 of the O of 24 Feb. 2021, with effect from 1 April 2021
      (AS **2021** 132).
57   Amended by No II of the O of 2 Sept. 2015, in force since 1 Oct. 2015 (AS **2015** 3047).

Art. 37   Supervision of data processing

[1] The cantonal data protection authorities and the FDPIC shall work together within the limits of their respective responsibilities and coordinate supervision of the processing of personal data.

[2] The FDPIC shall work with the European Data Protection Commissioner in fulfilling his duties; he is the national contact person for such matters.

[3] He is the national authority under Article 41 paragraph 1 EU VIS Regulation[58] and Articles 8 paragraph 5 and 11 EU VIS Decision[59]. He is responsible for fulfilling the duties set out in these articles.

Chapter 6   Final Provisions

Art. 38   Repeal of another enactment

The Visa Information System Ordinance of 6 July 2011[60] is repealed.

Art. 39   Amendment of another enactment

The amendment of another enactment is regulated in Annex 4.

Art. 40   Commencement

This Ordinance comes into force on 20 January 2014.

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[58]   See footnote to Art. 2 let. a.
[59]   See footnote to Art. 21 para. 1.
[60]   [AS **2011** 3861 4379 4451]

Annex 1
(Art. 2 let. c and d)

1. Schengen Association Agreements

The Schengen Association Agreements comprise:

a.　the Agreement of 26 October 2004[61] between the Swiss Confederation that European Union and the European Community on the association of that State with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen Acquis (SAA);

b.　the Agreement of 26 October 2004[62] in the form of an exchange of letters between the Council of the European Union and the Swiss Confederation on the Committees that assist the European Commission in the exercise of its executive powers;

c.　Arrangement of 22 September 2011[63] between the European Union and the Republic of Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein, the Kingdom of Norway and the Swiss Confederation on the participation by those States in the work of the committees which assist the European Commission in the exercise of its executive powers as regards the implementation, application and development of the Schengen Acquis;

d.　the Agreement of 17 December 2004[64] between the Swiss Confederation that Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway on the Implementation, Application and Development of the Schengen Acquis and on the Criteria and Procedure for determining the State responsible for examining an application for asylum lodged in Switzerland, Iceland or Norway;

e.　the Agreement of 28 April 2005[65] between the Swiss Confederation and the Kingdom of Denmark on the implementation, application and development of those parts of the Schengen Acquis that are based on the provisions of Title IV of the Treaty establishing the European Community;

f.　the Protocol of 28 February 2008[66] between the Swiss Confederation that European Union that European Community and the Principality of Liechtenstein on the accession of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement between the Swiss Confederation that European Union and the European Community on the association of the Swiss Confederation with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen Acquis.

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[61]　SR **0.362.31**
[62]　SR **0.362.1**
[63]　SR **0.362.11**
[64]　SR **0.362.32**
[65]　SR **0.362.33**
[66]　SR **0.362.311**

2. Dublin Association Agreements

The Dublin Association Agreements comprise:

a. the Agreement of 26 October 2004[67] between the Swiss Confederation and the European Community on the criteria and procedure for determining the State responsible for examining an application for asylum lodged in a member state or in Switzerland (DAA);

b. the Agreement of 17 December 2004[68] between the Swiss Confederation that Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway on the implementation, application and development of the Schengen Acquis and on the criteria and procedure for determining the State responsible for examining an application for asylum lodged in Switzerland, Iceland or Norway;

c. the Protocol of 28 February 2008[69] between the Swiss Confederation that European Community and the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement between the Swiss Confederation and the European Community on the criteria and procedure for determining the State responsible for examining an application for asylum lodged in a member state or in Switzerland;

d. the Protocol of 28 February 2008[70] between the Swiss Confederation that European Community and the Principality of Liechtenstein on the accession of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement between the Swiss Confederation and the European Community on the criteria and procedure for determining the State responsible for examining an application for asylum lodged in a member state or in Switzerland.

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[67] SR **0.142.392.68**
[68] SR **0.362.32**
[69] SR **0.142.393.141**
[70] SR **0.142.395.141**

Annex 2[71]
(Art. 5 para. 1, 6 para. 1 and 10 para. 2)

Access rights in ORBIS

Legend

Access levels

A: Online consultations

B: Processing of data and transmission to the C-VIS under the EU VIS Regulation[72]

Empty: No access

Organisational units

RA: Swiss representations abroad and the Swiss Mission to the UN in Geneva:

– Per St: Peripatetic staff with decision-making powers in relation to visa applications

– Loc St: Local staff without decision-making powers

FOJ: Federal Office of Justice: International Mutual Assistance Unit, Private Law Division

FAC: Federal Administrative Court: third, fourth and fifth divisions

FDFA: Federal Department of Foreign Affairs: State Secretariat, Consular Directorate and Directorate of Political Affairs

FTA: Federal Tax Administration

FCA: Federal Customs Administration, including the Prosecution Directorate

Fedpol: Federal Office of Police: Legal Services Section, Federal Criminal Police (FCP), Interpol National Central Bureau, operations centre, Identity Documents and Central Offices Division, Biometric Identification Division, MROS Section, Search and Supervision Division

MIGRA: Cantonal, regional and communal migration authorities

BORPO: Federal and cantonal bodies that carry out checks and issue visas on the Schengen external border and on Swiss sovereign territory

CAPO: Cantonal and communal police authorities carrying out duties under the law on foreign nationals on Swiss sovereign territory

MIGRA: Cantonal, regional and communal migration authorities

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71   Amended by No II of the O of 19 Feb. 2020, in force since 1 April 2020 (AS **2020** 917).
72   See footnote to Art. 2 let. a.

FIS: Federal Intelligence Service

SEM: State Secretariat for Migration:

– I: Information Technology Section and Statistics Service, Admission and Residence Section and Entry Section

– II: Registrar's Office, Asylum Division, Employment Market Admission Section

CRO: Civil register offices, their supervisory authorities and the Federal Civil Status Office

CCO: Central Compensation Office

Type of data field	SEM I	SEM II	MIGRA	BORP O	CAPO	CRO	Fedpol	NDB	FAC	RA Per St	RA Loc St	FDF A	CCO	FOJ	FTA	FCA
I. Data relating to the application																
Application number	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Status information: Application submitted	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
On behalf of another Schengen state (yes/no)	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
Name and address of authority	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
Surnames	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
Forenames	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
Date of birth	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
Place of birth	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
Current nationality and nationality at birth	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
Country of birth	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
Sex	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
Type of travel documents	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
Issuing authority	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
Number of document	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
Date of issue and expiry	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
Place and date of application	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A

Type of data field	SEM I	SEM II	MIGRA	BORPO	CAPO	CRO	Fedpol	NDB	FAC	RA Per St	RA Loc St	FDFA	CCO	FOJ	FTA	FCA
Host or guarantor (surnames, forenames, address); if company or organisation: name and address of the company or organisation, surname and first name of contact person in the company/organisation	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
Destination states in the Schengen area	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
Planned duration of stay or transit journey	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
Main purpose of journey	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
Planned date of entry to and exit from the Schengen area	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
Schengen state of first entry	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
Applicant's home address	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
Current occupation and employer; for students: name the educational institution	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
For minors: surname and first name of the person with parental custody or of guardian	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A		A	A
Applicant's photograph	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
Applicant's fingerprints	B		B	B						B	B	B				

Type of data field	SEM I	SEM II	MIGRA	BORP O	CAPO	CRO	Fedpol	NDB	FAC	RA Per St	RA Loc St	FDF A	CCO	FOJ	FTA	FCA
II. Data for issue of visa																
Status information: issued	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A
Place and date of decision	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A
On behalf of another Schengen state (yes/no)	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A
Name and address of authority	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A
Area into which the visa holder may travel under the Visa Code[73]	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A
Number of entries permitted during the term of validity	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A
Term of validity of the visa: commencement date and expiry date	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A
Visa category	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	A	A	A	A	A
Visa vignette number	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A
Visa issued on separate form (yes/no)	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A
Visa vignette completed by hand	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A
III. Data in the event of non-continuation of verification of the application																
Status information: discontinued	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A
Place and date of decision	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A
Name and address of authority	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A
Schengen state responsible for	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A

[73]   See footnote to Art. 6 para. 1.

Type of data field	SEM I	SEM II	MIGRA	BORP O	CAPO	CRO	Fedpol	NDB	FAC	RA Per St	RA Loc St	FDF A	CCO	FOJ	FTA	FCA
verifying the application																
IV. Data in the event of denial of the visa																
Status information: rejected	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A
On behalf of another Schengen state	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A
Place and date of decision	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A
Name and address of authority	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A
Reasons for denial	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A
V. Data in the event of cancellation or revocation of a visa																
Status information: cancelled, revoked	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A
Place and date of decision	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A
Name and address of authority	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A
New expiry date	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A
Reasons for cancellation or revocation	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A
VI. Data in the event of extension of a visa																
Status information: extended	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A
Place and date of decision	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A
Name and address of authority	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A
Commencement and expiry date of the extension	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A
Visa vignette number of the extended visa	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A

Type of data field	SEM I	SEM II	MIGRA	BORP O	CAPO	CRO	Fedpol	NDB	FAC	RA Per St	RA Loc St	FDF A	CCO	FOJ	FTA	FCA
Extended duration of the permitted stay	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A
Area into which the visa holder may travel where the extended visa is valid for different territory from the original visa	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A
Category of the extended visa	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A
Reasons for the extension	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A
Other																
Linked application data files (relatives: spouse, children)	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
Linked application data files (group)	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
Successive application data files from the applicant	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
VII. Useful data for the Swiss authorities																
Date of issue of guarantee bond (letter of undertaking)	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
Personal details and occupation of family members	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
Relationship with citizens of EU/EFTA	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
Marital status	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
Form of cover for costs of stay	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
Guarantee bond (yes/no)	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A

Type of data field	SEM I	SEM II	MIGRA	BORP O	CAPO	CRO	Fedpol	NDB	FAC	RA Per St	RA Loc St	FDF A	CCO	FOJ	FTA	FCA
Temporary exception notice	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
ZEMIS personal ID	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
Duration of stay permitted by visa (> 90 days)	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	A	A	A	A
Visa notice	B	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	A	A
VIS Mail dossier (notices)	B		B	B						B	A	B				
Annexes relating to the applicant[74]	B		B	B						B	A	B				
Visa charges and expenses	B		B	B						B	B	B				

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[74] These Annexes (Documents relating to the applicant, remarks) are available in PDF format and are replaced by an e-dossier as soon as all the documents have been scanned.

Annex 3[75]
(Art. 11 para. 3 and 35 para. 4)

Access rights in relation to C-VIS

Legend

Access levels

A: Online consultations

Empty: No access

[1]   Data that may only be consulted under Article 14 of the Ordinance

[2]   Notice that in a linked application data file only data marked with a * may be consulted

Organisational units

RA: Swiss representations abroad and Swiss Mission to the UN in Geneva

FDFA: Federal Department of Foreign Affairs: (State Secretariat, Consular Directorate and Directorate of Political Affairs)

fedpol OC: Central access point

BORPO: Federal and cantonal bodies that carry out checks on the Schengen external borders and on Swiss sovereign territory

CAPO: Cantonal and communal police authorities carrying out duties under the law on foreign nationals on Swiss sovereign territory

MIGRA: Cantonal migration authorities responsible for visas and the communal visa authorities to which related powers have been delegated

SEM: State Secretariat for Migration:

– I: Planning and resources (PR) for statistical purposes

– II: Case officer for visas (Entry Section, Admission and Residence Section)

– III: Case officer for Dublin proceedings (asylum procedure staff, Dublin Sections)

– IV: Case officer for asylum (asylum procedure staff)

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Type of data field	SEM I statistics	SEM II Visa	SEM III asylum Application of EU Dublin Ordinance[76]	SEM IV asylum Asylum procedure	MIGRA and BORPO as visa issuing authorities	BORPO border check	RA	FDFA	CAPO on Swiss sovereign territory	fedpol OC
I. Data in the application										
Application number		A	A	A	A	A[1]	A	A	A[1]	A
Status information: Application made	A	A			A	A	A	A	A	A
On behalf of another Schengen state (yes/no)	A	A			A	A[1]	A	A	A[1]	A
Name and address of authority		A			A		A	A		A
Surname, birth names (or previous surnames)		A	A*	A*	A	A	A	A	A	A
Forenames		A	A*	A*	A	A	A	A	A	A
Date of birth		A	A*	A*	A	A	A	A	A	A
Place of birth		A	A*	A*	A	A	A	A	A	A
Current nationality	A	A	A*	A*	A	A	A	A	A	A
Nationality at birth		A	A*	A*	A	A	A	A	A	A
Country of birth		A	A*	A*	A	A	A	A	A	A
Sex		A	A*	A*	A	A	A	A	A	A
Type of travel documents	A	A		A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Issuing authority		A		A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Number of document		A		A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Date of issue and expiry		A		A	A	A	A	A	A	A

[76]   See footnote to Art. 15 para. 1.

Type of data field	SEM I statistics	SEM II Visa	SEM III asylum Application of EU Dublin Ordinance	SEM IV asylum Asylum procedure	MIGRA and BORPO as visa issuing authorities	BORPO border check	RA	FDFA	CAPO on Swiss sovereign territory	fedpol OC
Place and date of application	A	A			A	A	A	A	A	A
Host and/or guarantor (surnames, forenames, address); if company or organisation: name and address of the company or the organisation, surname and first name of the contact person in the company/organisation		A			A	A	A	A	A	A
Destination states in the Schengen area		A			A	A	A	A	A	A
Planned duration of stay or transit journey		A	A		A	A	A	A	A	A
Main purposes of journey	A	A			A	A	A	A	A	A
Planned date of entry to and exit from the Schengen area		A			A	A	A	A	A	A
Schengen state of first entry	A	A			A	A	A	A	A	A
Home address of the applicant		A			A	A	A	A	A	A
Current occupation and employer; for students: name of educational institution		A			A	A	A	A	A	A
For minors: surname and first name of person with parental custody or guardian		A			A	A	A	A	A	A
Applicant's photograph		A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Applicant's fingerprints		A			A		A	A		A
Entry not applicable, as taking fingerprints is not possible	A	A			A		A	A		
Entry not applicable, as taking fingerprints is not required	A	A			A		A	A		
Fingerprints taken yes/no						A			A	

Type of data field	SEM I statistics	SEM II Visa	SEM III asylum Application of EU Dublin Ordinance	SEM IV asylum Asylum procedure	MIGRA and BORPO as visa issuing authorities	BORPO border check	RA	FDFA	CAPO on Swiss sovereign territory	fedpol OC
II. Data for issue of visa										
Status information: either visa issued or procedure concluded due to withdrawal of application by applicant	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Place and date of decision	A	A		A	A	A	A	A	A	A
On behalf of another Schengen state (yes/no)	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Name and address of authority		A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Area into which the visa holder may travel under the Visa Code[77]	A	A		A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Number of entries permitted during the term of validity		A		A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Term of validity of the visa: commencement date and expiry date		A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Visa category	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Visa vignette number		A		A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Visa issued on separate form (yes/no)		A		A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Visa vignette completed by hand		A		A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Duration of stay permitted by visa		A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A

[77]   See footnote to Art. 6 para. 1.

Type of data field	SEM I statistics	SEM II Visa	SEM III asylum Application of EU Dublin Ordinance	SEM IV asylum Asylum procedure	MIGRA and BORPO as visa issuing authorities	BORPO border check	RA	FDFA	CAPO on Swiss sovereign territory	fedpol OC
III. Data in the event of non-continuation of verification of the application										
Status information: discontinued	A	A			A	A[1]	A	A	A[1]	
On behalf of another Schengen state (yes/no)		A			A	A[1]	A	A	A[1]	
Name and address of authority	A	A			A	A[1]	A	A	A[1]	
Place and date of decision	A	A			A	A[1]	A	A	A[1]	
Schengen state responsible for verifying the application		A			A	A[1]	A	A	A[1]	
IV. Data in the event of denial of the visa										
Status information: denied	A	A			A	A[1]	A	A	A[1]	A
On behalf of another Schengen state (yes/no)		A			A	A[1]	A	A	A[1]	A
Name and address of authority	A	A			A	A[1]	A	A	A[1]	A
Place and date of decision	A	A			A	A[1]	A	A	A[1]	A
Reasons for denial	A	A			A	A[1]	A	A	A[1]	A
V. Data in the event of cancellation or revocation of a visa										
Status information: cancelled, revoked	A	A		A	A	A	A	A	A	A
On behalf of another Schengen state (yes/no)		A		A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Name and address of authority	A	A		A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Place and date of decision	A	A		A	A	A	A	A	A	A

Type of data field	SEM I statistics	SEM II Visa	SEM III asylum Application of EU Dublin Ordinance	SEM IV asylum Asylum procedure	MIGRA and BORPO as visa issuing authorities	BORPO border check	RA	FDFA	CAPO on Swiss sovereign territory	fedpol OC
Reasons for the cancellation or the revocation (must be entered by hand)	A	A		A	A	A	A	A	A	A
VI. Data in the event of extension of a visa										
Status information: extended	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
On behalf of another Schengen state (yes/no)		A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Name and address of authority	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Place and date of decision	A	A		A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Commencement and expiry date of extension		A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Visa vignette number of the extended visa		A		A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Extended duration of the permitted stay		A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Area into which the visa holder may travel where the extended visa is valid for different territory from the original visa	A	A		A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Category of the extended visa	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Reasons for the extension	A	A		A	A	A	A	A	A	A
VII. Links between applications										
Linked application data files (relatives: spouse, children)		A	A[2]	A[2]	A	A	A	A	A	
Linked application data files (group)		A			A	A	A	A	A	
Successive application data files from the applicant	A	A		A	A	A[1]	A	A	A[1]	A

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Amendment of another enactment

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[78] The amendment may be consulted under AS **2014** 3.