

**REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA**  
**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 5707, NOVEMBER 5, 2008**

Through which some provisions on issuance of visas are  
determined

**THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

By virtue of the legal faculties and particularly those conferred by Decree 110 of January 21, 2004 and by decree 4000 of November 30, 2004

**WHEREAS:**

According to the provisions of Article 1, sub-paragraph one of Decree 4000 dated November 30, 2004 *"it is the discretionary competence of the National Government, founded in the principle of sovereignty, to authorize the entry of foreigners to the country and their stay"*.

According to the provisions of Article 1, paragraph 4 of Decree 4000 of November 30, 2004, *"The Minister of Foreign Affairs may, through an administrative act, extend or limit the faculties granted to the Diplomatic Missions and to the Consular Offices of the Republic of Colombia to issue visas"*.

Article 43 of Decree 4000 of November 30, 2004, indicates that a Visitor's Visa shall be granted to nationals of the country requesting entry to the national territory and who

intend to enter the country without planning to take up residence, with the purpose of carrying out some of the activities indicated in the mentioned article. Likewise, the paragraph of the mentioned article 4 establishes that the nationals of the countries determined by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs through Ministerial Resolution shall not require a Visitor's Visa.

It is appropriate to establish the countries whereby those citizens may or may not require a Visitor's Visa to enter the national territory; likewise to determine in which cases the Consular Offices of the Republic may issue such Visa with prior authorization of the Internal Working Group appointed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs

**HEREBY RESOLVES:**

**ARTICLE 1.** The citizens of the countries listed below do not require a Visitor's Visa in its categories as Tourist Visitor, Temporary Visitor and Technical Visitor, to enter and temporarily remain in the national territory as visitors:

1. Germany
2. Andorra
3. Antigua and Barbuda
4. Argentina
5. Australia

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6. Austria
7. Bahamas
8. Barbados
9. Belgium
10. Belize
11. Bolivia
12. Brazil
13. Brunei-Darussalam
14. Bhutan
15. Canada
16. Czech Republic
17. Chile
18. Cyprus
19. Korea (Republic of)
20. Costa Rica
21. Croatia
22. Denmark
23. Dominica
24. Ecuador
25. El Salvador
26. United Arab Emirates
27. Slovakia
28. Slovenia
29. Spain
30. United States of America
31. Estonia
32. Fiji
33. The Philippines
34. Finland
35. France
36. Grenada
37. Greece
38. Guatemala
39. Guyana
40. Honduras
41. Hungary
42. Indonesia
43. Ireland
44. Iceland
45. Marshall Islands
46. Solomon Islands
47. Israel
48. Italy
49. Jamaica

50. Japan
51. Latvia
52. Liechtenstein
53. Lithuania
54. Luxemburg

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55. Malaysia
56. Malta
57. Mexico
58. Micronesia
59. Monaco
60. Norway
61. New Zealand
62. The Netherlands
63. Palau
64. Panama
65. Papua New Guiney
66. Paraguay
67. Peru
68. Poland
69. Portugal
70. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
71. Dominican Republic
72. Romania
73. St. Kitts Nevis
74. Samoa
75. San Marino
76. St. Lucia
77. Holy See
78. St. Vincent and the Grenadines
79. Singapore
80. South Africa
81. Sweden
82. Switzerland
83. Surinam
84. Trinidad and Tobago
85. Turkey
86. Uruguay
87. Venezuela

A Visitor's Visa is not required for holders of a Hong-Kong-SARG - China passport.

The nationals of the countries with which Colombia has signed agreements on visa exemptions do not require Visitor's Visa to enter and temporarily stay in the national territory as Tourist Visitors, Temporary Visitors and Technical Visitors.

**PARAGRAPH.-** At entry, the Departamento Administrativo de Seguridad - DAS (Administrative Security Department) shall issue the relevant Permit for Entry and Stay established in Article 58 of Decree 4000 of November 30, 2004 for nationals of the countries indicated in the present article.

**ARTICLE 2.-** The Consular Offices of the Republic do not require previous authorization

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from the Internal Working Group appointed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs to issue the Visitor's Visa, which is issued under the responsibility of the Consular Office complying with the regulatory requirements and procedures, to the nationals of the following countries:

1. Albania
2. Algeria
3. Armenia
4. Azerbaijan
5. Bahrain
6. Bangladesh

7. Benin
8. Byelorussia
9. Bosnia Herzegovina
10. Botswana
11. Bulgaria
12. Burkina Faso
13. Burundi
14. Cape Verde
15. Cameroon
16. Chad
17. China (Popular Republic)
18. Comoros
19. Congo
20. Ivory Coast
21. Egypt
22. Eritrea
23. Ethiopia
24. Gabon
25. Gambia
26. Georgia
27. Ghana
28. Guinea
29. Guinea Bissau
30. Equatorial Guinea
31. Haiti
32. India
33. Kazakhstan
34. Kenya
35. Kyrgyzstan
36. Morocco
37. Kosovo
38. Kuwait
39. Lesotho
40. Macedonia
41. Madagascar
42. Malawi
43. Maldives
44. Mali

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45. Morocco
46. Mauritius
47. Mauritania

48. Moldavia
49. Mongolia
50. Montenegro
51. Namibia
52. Nauru
53. Nepal
54. Nicaragua
55. Niger
56. Oman
57. Qatar
58. Central African Republic
59. Russia
60. Rwanda
61. St Tome and Principe
62. Senegal
63. Serbia
64. Seychelles
65. Swaziland
66. Thailand
67. Tanzania
68. Tajikistan
69. Western Timor
70. Togo
71. Tonga
72. Tunis
73. Turkmenistan
74. Tuvalu
75. Ukraine
76. Uzbekistan
77. Vanuatu
78. Vietnam
79. Zambia
80. Zimbabwe

**ARTICLE 3.-** The Consular Offices of the Republic require previous authorization in writing by the Internal Working Group appointed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs to issue any kind or class of Visa to the nationals of the countries not listed in Articles 1 and 2 of the present Resolution.

**PARAGRAPH.**- In all cases, the nationals of the countries not listed in Article 1 of this Resolution require a Visa for entry and stay in the national territory.

**ARTICLE 4.-** The Diplomatic Missions and the Consular Offices of the Republic do not require previous authorization from the Internal Working Group appointed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs to refuse the issuance of a Visa. Notwithstanding this, in

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such cases where it occurs, the refusal of a Visa shall be communicated immediately and in writing to the Internal Working Group appointed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, indicating the reasons to justify such a decision.

The document issued by the Diplomatic Mission or by the Consular Office through which the reasons for refusal of a Visa are stated, is of a reserved character and therefore exclusively for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and, in no case should it be supplied to the petitioner or to a third party, according to the principle of confidentiality contemplated in Article 4 of Decree Law 274, 2000.

**ARTICLE 5.-** No prior authorization is required by the Internal Working Group appointed by the Minister of Foreign

Affairs to the Consular Offices of the Republic in order that, under its responsibility and competence, they may issue the Visitor's Visa to the nationals of the countries stated in Article 3 of the present Resolution, when they accredit a visa or a resident's permit in a country of those listed in Article 1 of this Resolution.

**ARTICLE 6.-** This Resolution annuls Resolutions 273 of January 27, 2005; 4420 of September 21, 2005; 5525 of December 15, 2006; 1753 of April 26, 2007; 1976 of May 10, 2007; 3721 of August, 2007 and 1241 of March 25, 2008, and any other contrary provisions.

**ARTICLE 7.-** This Resolution shall be in force thirty (30) calendar days after the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

**TO BE PUBLISHED AND COMPLIED WITH**

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(Signed)

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