

Pursuant to Article IV 4 a) of the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina at the session of the House of Representatives held on June 6, 2001 and at the session of the House of Peoples held on May 23, 2001, has endorsed the

LAW ON AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW ON TRAVEL DOCUMENTS OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

The Law on Travel Documents of Bosnia and Herzegovina, published in the Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina (No. 4/97), with amendments published in the Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Nos. 1/99 and 9/99) is hereby further amended as follows:

Article 1

In Article 2 of the Law on Travel Documents of Bosnia and Herzegovina the words "and Citizenship of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina or the Republic of Srpska" shall be deleted.

Article 2

Article 4 of the Law on Travel Documents of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be amended to read as follows:

"For the purpose of this Law, travel documents shall be understood to mean: Passport, Diplomatic Passport, Service Passport, Group Passport, Travel Certificate and Seaman's or Maritime Book. Other forms of identification of BiH citizens recognized by other states as a travel document through agreement with Bosnia and Herzegovina may also be used for travel abroad. A citizen may possess only one travel document of the same kind."

Article 3

Article 6 of the Law on Travel Documents of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be amended to read as follows:

"The passport shall have the following design":

1. The cover shall be of dark blue colour;
2. The front cover shall contain, in the following order:
 - a. the words "Bosnia and Herzegovina"
 - b. the coat of arms of Bosnia and Herzegovina
 - c. the word "Passport".
3. The text of items (a) and (c) shall be printed in the Bosnian, Croatian and English languages (Latin script) and in the Serbian language (Cyrillic script).
4. The text of the first page of the passport shall be identical to the text of the front cover.

Article 4

Paragraph (1) of Article 7 of the Law on Travel Documents of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be amended to read as follows:

1. "The front cover shall contain in the following order:
 - a. The words: "Bosnia and Herzegovina"
 - b. The coat of arms of Bosnia and Herzegovina
 - c. The words: 'Diplomatic Passport' or 'Service Passport'".

Paragraph (2) of Article 7 of the Law on Travel Documents of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be amended, and a new paragraph (3) shall be added, as follows:

2. " The text of items a) and c) in paragraph (1) shall be printed in the Bosnian, Croatian and English languages (Latin script) and in the Serbian language (Cyrillic script)."
3. "The text on the first page of the passport shall be identical to the text on the front cover."

Article 5

In paragraph (1) of Article 8 of the Law on Travel Documents of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the words "with a perforated serial number" shall be deleted.

In paragraph (2) of Article 8 of the Law on Travel Documents of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the words "on the inside of the front cover" shall be deleted. The words "and English" shall be added after the word "Serbian", and sub-items "m" and "n" shall be added after sub-item "l", to read as follows:

"m)type; n) the symbol of the country."

In paragraph (3) of Article 8 of the Law on Travel Documents of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the words "The information provided under items a - e shall be in the Latin script." shall be added after the words "of any such child".

In paragraph (4) of Article 8 of the Law on Travel Documents of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the words "the inner page of the back cover" shall be replaced by "the passport" in line one.

Paragraph (4), sub-item d) of Article 8 of the Law on Travel Documents of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be amended to read as follows: "The bearer of this passport is a national of Bosnia and Herzegovina".

Paragraph (5) shall be added after paragraph (4) of Article 8 of the Law on Travel Documents of Bosnia and Herzegovina, to read as follows: "The text in all pages of the passport, apart from the information provided under paragraphs (2) and (3) of Article 8, shall be printed in the Bosnian, Croatian and English languages (Latin script) and in the Serbian language (Cyrillic script)."

Article 6

Article 12 a) shall be added after Article 12 of the Law on Travel Documents of Bosnia and Herzegovina to read as follows:

"Seaman's or maritime books¹ shall be issued to the members of the crew of vessels in maritime and inland water transport."

The design and contents of the seaman's or maritime book shall be prescribed by the Ministry of Civil Affairs and Communications.

The seaman's or maritime books shall be issued by the Ministry of Civil Affairs and Communications.

The visa for the seaman's or maritime book shall be issued by the Ministry of Civil Affairs and Communications, with a five year validity.

Article 7

In item 1, paragraph (1) of Article 13 of the Law on Travel Documents of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the words "and the Brcko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina" shall be added after the word "Entity".

Article 8

In Article 14 of the Law on Travel Documents of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the full stop after the word "Entity" shall be replaced by a comma, and the words "according to the procedure prescribed in a by-law of the Ministry of Civil Affairs and Communications of Bosnia and Herzegovina" shall be added.

Article 9

Paragraph (1) of Article 18 of the Law on Travel Documents of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be amended to read as follows: "An application for a travel document shall be filed in person. Exceptionally, an application may be filed through an authorized person. Such an application shall be regulated by a by-law to be issued by the Ministry of Civil Affairs and Communications of Bosnia and Herzegovina."

In paragraph (4) of the same Article, a comma and the words "in accordance with a by-law to be issued by the Ministry of Civil Affairs and Communications of Bosnia and Herzegovina" shall be added after the word "Article."

Article 10

In paragraph (2) of Article 19 of the Law on Travel Documents of Bosnia and Herzegovina the word "two" shall be replaced by the word "one"; and the words "as well as evidence of payment of the price of the travel document" shall be added after the word "enclosed".

In paragraph (3) of Article 19 of the Law on Travel Documents of Bosnia and Herzegovina, a comma and the words "together with the public documents referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article," shall be added after the word "Article".

In paragraph (5) of Article 19 of the Law on Travel Documents of Bosnia and Herzegovina, "paragraph (3)" shall be replaced by "paragraph (4)".

Article 11

In paragraph (1), item 1 of Article 21 of the Law on Travel Documents of Bosnia and Herzegovina, "Article 18" shall be replaced by "Article 19".

Article 12

In paragraph (2) of Article 24 of the Law on Travel Documents of Bosnia and Herzegovina, sub-item c) shall be added to read as follows "the competent authority of the Brcko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina defined by a regulation of the Brcko District, in the case that the travel document was issued by the competent authority of the Brcko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina".

Article 13

Article 28 of the Law on Travel Documents of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be amended to read as follows: "Ministry of Civil Affairs and Communications of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be responsible for the purchasing of personalization equipment and consumable supplies, for the maintenance and repair of personalization equipment, and for purchasing, printing and deciding on the price of travel documents, as well as for the distribution to the authorities referred to in Article 13 of this Law."

Article 14

The validity of travel documents issued before November 30, 2000 may not be extended. Travel documents issued before November 30, 2000 shall not be valid beyond November 28, 2002. Travel documents referred to in Article 7 of the Law on Travel Documents of Bosnia and Herzegovina issued before October 20, 2000 shall not be valid beyond April 18, 2001.

Article 15

This Decision shall be published in the Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina and in the Official Gazette of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Srpska and shall enter into force on October 20, 2000 for Diplomatic and Service Passports, and on November 30, 2000 for all other Travel Documents provided for in the Law on Travel Documents of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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