

Letter concerning procedures for issuing trade fair visas received from the German Foreign Office

09/30/2013 - In a letter dated 10 September 2013 the German Foreign Office provided AUMA with written confirmation of future procedures regarding the issue of trade fair visas. This letter confirmed that, as of 24 July 2013, the visa departments of German embassies and consulates abroad have been notified that applicants requesting a visa to visit trade fairs in Germany will as a rule no longer be required to submit an invitation letter from the trade fair company in question.

When applying for a visa exhibitors will be requested to submit confirmation of their admission to an event by the relevant trade fair company. In such cases a visa will be issued free of charge. Should an exhibitor not be in possession of said confirmation then he must give an alternative and plausible explanation for his travel request. In such cases, and as a rule, visas cannot be issued free of charge.

The written confirmation of procedures regarding the issue of trade fair visas aims to confront the problems encountered with individual visa departments which have continued to demand applicants submit invitations or pay visa fees. AUMA has already circulated a copy of this letter to the marketing directors of international trade fair companies and it is therefore expected that visa departments will soon establish new procedures with regard to issuing visas.

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