



Ad-Hoc Query on agreements on the re-admission of irregular immigrants signed with Vietnam

Requested by FR EMN NCP on 19th April 2010

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Responses from Responses from Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom (21 in Total)

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1. Background Information









The Department of Immigration of the Ministry of Immigration would appreciate receiving a copy of the agreements on the re-admission of illegal immigrants that your Member State has signed with **Vietnam**. Your response to this ad-hoc query would be very useful in the framework of a negotiation session that will take place soon in Vietnam.

It would be very much appreciated if we could receive your answers by **27 April 2010**.

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2. Responses¹














		Wider Dissemination? ₂	Could you provide a copy of the agreement on the readmission of illegal immigrants that your Member State has signed with Vietnam?
	Austria	No	This EMN NCP has provided a response to the requesting EMN NCP. However, they have requested that it is not disseminated further.
	Belgium	Yes	<p>A memorandum of understanding (MOU) on migration issues between Belgium and Vietnam was signed in Brussels on Jan 19, 2009.</p> <p>The aim of the agreement is to strengthen cooperation in the field of migration, particularly in facilitating legal migration, preventing illegal immigration and ensuring the repatriation of illegal immigrants.</p> <p>The Vietnamese-Belgian MOU is effective for five years and will be automatically extended every five years unless either side wants to end or amend it.</p> <p>Illegal migrants from Vietnam are often apprehended in the coastal region (trying to reach the UK) and in Vietnamese restaurants in the major cities. During the years before the MOU, Vietnam refused to take back immigrants without identity documents. One of the goals of the MOU was to change this policy. In 2009 there were 28 forced returns of Vietnamese citizens from Belgium, in 2008 only 8.</p>
	Cyprus	Yes	Cyprus until today has not signed a readmission agreement with Vietnam nor it has negotiated such agreement.
	Denmark	Yes	Denmark does not have a readmission agreement with Vietnam.
	Finland	Yes	Finland does not have a re-admission agreement with Vietnam (Finland is currently negotiating on a memorandum of understanding regarding crime prevention.)
	France	Yes	France would like to learn about readmission procedures in Member States in the framework of a negotiation session that will take place soon in Vietnam.
	Germany	Yes	Yes, see attachment.
	Hungary	Yes	Hungary does not have a readmission agreement with Vietnam.

¹ If possible at time of making the request, the Requesting EMN NCP should add their response(s) to the query. Otherwise, this should be done at the time of making the compilation.

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	Ireland	Yes	Ireland does not have a readmission agreement with Vietnam.
	Italy	Yes	It's not operating any readmission agreement with Vietnam.
	Latvia	Yes	Latvia has no agreement on the re-admission of illegal immigrants signed with Vietnam.
	Lithuania	Yes	Lithuania doesn't have a readmission agreement with Vietnam.
	Luxembourg	Yes	Luxembourg does not have any readmission agreement with Vietnam.
	Malta	Yes	Malta does not have a readmission agreement with Vietnam.
	Netherlands	Yes	The Netherlands does not have a signed agreement with Vietnam. At the moment there is no need for such an agreement.
	Portugal	Yes	Portugal doesn't have an agreement on the re-admission of irregular immigrants signed with Vietnam.
	Slovak Republic	Yes	Please find the agreement on the readmission of illegal immigrants with Vietnam in 3 languages (Slovak, Vietnamese and English) on http://www.minv.sk/?vietnamska-socialisticka-republika&subor=5608
	Slovenia	Yes	We have no readmission agreement with Vietnam.
	Spain	Yes	Spain has not signed any agreement on readmission of irregular immigrants with Vietnam.
	Sweden	Yes	Yes, see the link: http://www.migrationsverket.se/include/lifos/dokument/www/09020601.pdf
	United Kingdom	Yes	The UK has a return agreement with Vietnam in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding, signed in October 2004 and supplemented by a further agreement signed in September 2009. As with all such agreements, the UK is happy enough to acknowledge their existence, and to share general aims, but they are agreed bilaterally and confidentially, and the detail is not disclosable to a third party.
