



**Ad-Hoc Query on [Title/Topic of Ad-Hoc Query]**

**Requested by SE EMN NCP on 19<sup>th</sup> of July 2010**

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**Responses from [Finland](#), [Germany](#), [Netherlands](#) and [Spain](#) (4 in Total)**

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**1. Background Information**

In a previous Ad Hoc query (No. 153), the implementation of Council Regulation of 18 April 2008 (EC No 380/2008), amending the regulation (EC 1030/2002) on a uniform format of residence permits for third country nationals, has been in focus. The SE EMN NCP would however like to follow-up on the matter since Sweden is in the process of amending the national legislation as a result of the implementation of the above mentioned regulation.

The regulation (EC No 380/2008) states that the period of validity for already issued residence permits shall not be affected by the implementation of the regulation – unless the concerned Member State decides something else. The Swedish Ministry of Interior would like to know if other Member States intend to limit the period of validity for already issued residence permits, and /or if other Member States intend to claim fees for issuing residence cards.

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## 2. Responses<sup>1</sup>

		Wider Dissemination? <sup>2</sup>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does other Member States intend to limit the period of validity for already issued residence permits? If so, how?</li> <li>2. Does other Member States intend to claim fees for issuing residence cards?</li> </ol>
	GERMANY	Yes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No.</li> <li>2. For the issuing of residence cards already now fees are claimed; this will be maintained.</li> </ol>
	SPAIN	Yes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Decision is yet to be made.</li> <li>2. Decision is yet to be made.</li> </ol>
	NETHERLANDS	Yes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No decision has been made yet</li> <li>2. No decision has been made yet</li> </ol>
	FINLAND	Yes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Finland does not intend to limit the period of validity of already issued residence permits. Those persons who have a permanent residence permit (in sticker format in their passports) will be instructed to apply for a residence permit card when renewing their passports.</li> <li>2. Decision is yet to be made in this regard. It has been discussed that the additional costs resulting from issuing residence permit cards could be collected from the applicants either by claiming a separate fee or by raising the residence permit application fees. One of the issues that has to be decided is whether the fee would also be collected from those applicants who now are exempted from application fees. A working group will convene after summer to discuss fee related issues and the Ministry of the Interior will issue a decree on different fees before the end of the year.</li> </ol>
	SWEDEN	Yes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Decision is yet to be made.</li> <li>4. Decision is yet to be made.</li> </ol>

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<sup>1</sup> 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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