



## **Ad-Hoc Query on residence permits for Swiss nationals**

**Requested by BE on 24 November 2010**

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**Responses from Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Sweden, United Kingdom (16 in Total)**

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### **1. Background Information**

*The Swiss confederation is not a member of the European Union nor of the European Economic Area (EEA); however it is a member of the Schengen Agreement. Concerning the free movement of persons, we can refer to the 21 June 1999 Agreement between the Swiss Confederation and the EU Member States. Annex 1 of this Agreement deals with the issuance of residence permits for Swiss nationals.*

*In this respect, the Belgian Immigration Office would like to know if:*

*Your member state issues residence permits to Swiss nationals conform to the uniform model of EU Regulation 1030/2002 and if your authorities consider to integrate biometric data in this type of residence permit (for Swiss nationals) in accordance with EU Regulation 380/2008??*















*OR*

*If nationals from the Swiss Confederation are provided with the same documents as EU-nationals?*

Please provide your much appreciated responses by **10<sup>th</sup> of January 2010**.



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## 2. Responses

		Wider Dissemination?	
	<b>Austria</b>	<b>No</b>	This EMN NCP has provided a response to the requesting EMN NCP. However, they have requested that it is not disseminated further.
	<b>Belgium</b>	<b>Yes</b>	At present Belgium issues residence permits to Swiss nationals conform to the uniform model of EU Regulation 1030/2002 and considers integrating biometric data in this type of residence permit in accordance with EU Regulation 380/2008.
	<b>Cyprus</b>	<b>Yes</b>	Swiss nationals who reside in Cyprus are provided with the same documents as EU nationals
	<b>Estonia</b>	<b>Yes</b>	Nationals from Swiss Confederation are provided with the same documents as EU-nationals.
	<b>Finland</b>	<b>Yes</b>	According to Finnish Aliens Act, Swiss nationals are comparable to EU-nationals (Sections 3 and 153).
	<b>Germany</b>	<b>Yes</b>	The residence permit for Swiss nationals and their family members who are not Swiss, is issued with the same document carrier, such as the residence card for family members of a Union citizen or a national of an EEA State (inapplicable reasons mentioned in the form are to be deleted in individual cases).
	<b>Hungary</b>	<b>Yes</b>	Nationals from the Swiss Confederation are treated by the Immigration and Nationality Office in Hungary with the same documents (registration certificates) as other EU nationals.
	<b>Italy</b>	<b>Yes</b>	The EC long-term residents permit is issued as an electronic card with microchip and optical memory (containing in digital format personal details, photograph and fingerprints of the holder), with the exception of citizens of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, San Marino and Switzerland, for whom the document is in paper form (pending the full implementation of Legislative Decree no. 30/2007 of "Implementation of Directive 2004/38/EC on the right of citizens Union and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States"). At the beginning of 2010, therefore, there were in Italy 6,134 Swiss nationals holding a residence permit in accordance with EU Regulation 1030/2002.
	<b>Latvia</b>	<b>Yes</b>	Nationals of the Swiss Confederation are provided with the same documents as EU-nationals and they are treated in accordance with the Directive 2004/38/EC.
	<b>Lithuania</b>	<b>Yes</b>	Nationals of the Swiss Confederation receive the same documents as the EU nationals.
	<b>Luxembourg</b>	<b>Yes</b>	Persons having the nationality of the Swiss Confederation are treated as citizens of the European Union. The responsible Luxembourg authorities provide them therefore with the same documents like EU nationals.
	<b>Netherlands</b>	<b>Yes</b>	The Netherlands do not provide nationals from the Swiss Confederation with a residence document. Swiss nationals (and EU-nationals) are provided with a residence endorsement sticker which is placed in the passport, after registration in the alien administration. In case (after a period of five years of legal stay) long term residency is granted, Swiss nationals are provided with the same document as EU-nationals. Biometric data will not be integrated in this type of document.
	<b>Portugal</b>	<b>Yes</b>	In Portugal nationals from the Swiss Confederation are provided with the same documents as EU-nationals.
	<b>Slovak Republic</b>	<b>Yes</b>	According to the Act on Stay of Aliens, in the Slovak Republic the residence of Swiss nationals is regulated as the residence of the

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			nationals of the EEA.
	<b>Sweden</b>	<b>Yes</b>	Sweden issues residence permits to Swiss nationals conform to the uniform model of EU Regulation 1030/2002. Whether biometric data is to be included in this type of residence permit (for Swiss nationals) in accordance with EU Regulation 380/2008, and to what extent (photo and fingerprints or just a photo) is yet to be decided in Swedish legislation.  Nationals from the Swiss Confederation are currently provided with residence permits in the form of a sticker.
	<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>Yes</b>	The UK Border Agency provides Nationals from the Swiss Confederation with the same documents (registration certificates) as other EU nationals.

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