



Ad-Hoc Query on collective travel documents

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Responses requested from [Bulgaria](#), [Croatia](#), [France](#) and [Romania](#) (4 in Total)

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1. Background Information

Following the entry into the European Union of Romania, Bulgaria and Croatia, France would like to know whether these three Member States recognize the document entitled "List of travellers for school trips within the European Union", based on Council Decision 94/795/JHA of 30 November 1994 on a joint action adopted by the Council on the basis of Article K.3(2)(b) of the Treaty on European Union concerning travel facilities for school pupils from Non-EU Member Countries resident in a Member State, as equivalent to:





- Individual visa exemption ;
- travel document exemption.

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The information collected in the framework of this ad-hoc query will be very useful for the Cross-Border Circulation Office of the French Ministry of Interior, which is updating country-fact sheets on collective travel documents.

We would very much appreciate your responses by **Friday 2nd May 2014**.

2. Responses

		Wider Dissemination?	
	Bulgaria	Yes	Bulgaria recognizes the above mentioned document "List of travellers for school trips within the European Union" as equivalent to valid individual visa exemption only according to the national legislation applying Council Regulation (EC) 539/2001. "A foreigner may enter in the Republic of Bulgaria if he/she holds a valid document for travelling abroad or other substituting document as well as a visa, in case such is required" in accordance with art. 8 para 1 of the Law on the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria and according to the next paragraph 2 of the same article in the LFRB "Visas shall not be required in case this is provided in Council Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 of 15 March 2001, in other acts of the European Union with binding effect, in an international agreement, to which the Republic of Bulgaria is a party, or in act of the Council of Ministers.
	France	Yes	Yes, France recognizes the document as equivalent to valid individual visa exemption and travel document exemption.
	Romania	Yes	Yes, Romania recognizes the document as travel document. The "List of travellers for school trips within the European Union" must fulfil the conditions provided for by art. 2 of Council Decision 94/795/JHA
	Croatia	Yes	Yes, Croatia recognizes the document as equivalent to valid individual visa exemption and travel document exemption.
