

ACT of 13 June 2003 ON FOREIGNERS¹⁾

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Chapter 1. General Provisions

Article 1. This Act shall set down the rules and conditions of entry into the territory of the Republic of Poland, transit across the said territory, stay therein and exit from the territory of the Republic of Poland by foreigners, the procedure to be followed and the authorities competent in these matters.

Article 2. A foreigner shall be any person who does not have Polish citizenship.

Article 3. This Act shall not apply to:

1) heads and members of personnel of diplomatic missions, heads of consular offices and members of consular personnel of foreign states, and other persons treated as such pursuant to statutory law, agreements or commonly accepted international customs, subject to the condition of reciprocity and possession by such persons of documents confirming the functions performed thereby, save for Article 13, paragraph 1, Article 21a, Articles 25, Article 28, Articles 30 to 33 and Article 46;

2) citizens of European Union Members States, Member States of the European Free Trade Agreement (EFTA) – parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area or of the Swiss Confederation, as well as their family members who join them or stay with them, except for:

a) Article 12a, Article 93, Article 94, Articles 96-96c, Article 100, Chapters 9 and 10, Article 124, subparagraph 1, letter g, and subparagraphs 2 and 4, Article 125, paragraph 1, subparagraph 2 to the extent concerning Article 124, subparagraph 1, letter g, Article 126, paragraph 1, subparagraphs 4 and 7, and paragraph 2, Article 127, Article 128, paragraph 2, Articles 131 to 134, which shall apply to citizens of European Union Members States, Member States of the European Free Trade Agreement (EFTA) – parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, or of the Swiss Confederation, as well as their family members who join them or stay with them;