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## TRANSLATION.

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The President of the Republic in the exercise of his powers under Law 61 of 1917, and  
*considering*

That the state of war in which the Republic finds itself requires that all necessary precautions should be taken to prevent espionage ;

That one of these precautions is the insistence on passports and other documents which certify legally the nationality and character of travellers ;

That certain Panamanian Consuls in levying fees for the authentication or *visa* of passports have been applying, in the absence of a special disposition, the fee for the issue of passports to foreigners, which has been highly onerous and has occasioned protests which may have serious consequences for the Republic, turning away from its territory the stream of tourists and travellers in transit which it is the duty of the authorities of the Republic to attract by all the means in their power ; and

That neither Law 39 of 1914, regulating the Consular Service, nor the Fiscal Code provide for the case of the *visa* of passports or fix the fees to be paid for this service, leaving thus a defect which it is expedient to remedy without delay.

## DECREES.

*Article 1.*—Every foreigner travelling to the territory of the Republic, whether in transit or to reside there, shall provide himself with a passport from the Government of his country or through its diplomatic or consular representative in the place in which he resides, and have it *visé* or authenticated by the Panamanian Consul at the place, or by the United States Consul if there be no Panamanian consular representative.

*Article 2.*—The Panamanian Consuls, or, in places where there are none, those of the United States, shall *viser* or authenticate the passports of foreigners who request it as soon as the parties interested fill up in triplicate the declaration given in Form No. 1 accompanying the present decree. The parties interested shall affix their photograph to each copy of the form in question in the place indicated.

*Article 3.*—The Panamanian Consuls, or, in places where there are none, the Consular officers of the United States, shall send to the Secretary for Foreign Affairs, immediately after the passport of a foreigner is *visé*, a copy of the declaration made by the latter, and shall retain one copy in the Consular archives and deliver the third to the interested party.

*Article 4.*—For the *visa* or authentication of the passports of foreigners the Panamanian Consuls, or those of the United States in places where there is no Panamanian Consul, shall collect the sum of two Balboas (B/2-00) applying by analogy the tariff established by article 72 of Law 63 of 1917 for the authentication of the signatures of home or foreign officials.

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To be registered and made known.

Given in the city of Panama the 29th day of April 1918.

RAMON M. VALDES,  
The Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

NARCISCO GARAY.

Order—No. 673, HOME (Miscellaneous), dated 20th September 1918.

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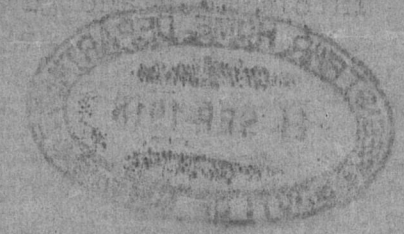
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