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**SCHENGEN PROBLEMS?
A BREAKTHROUGH SOLUTION.**



DO YOU HAVE ISSUES WITH THE SCHENGEN SYSTEM?



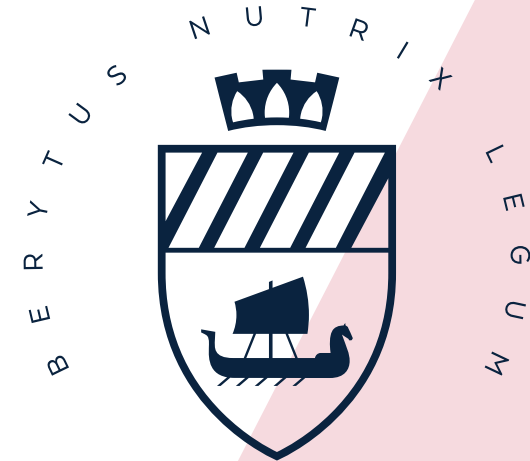
HAVE YOU BEEN DENIED VISA/REFUSED ENTRY TO ANY OF THE EU SCHENGEN TERRITORIES?



HAVE YOU BEEN CONSIDERED AN UNWANTED CITIZEN BY ANY OF THE NATIONAL SCHENGEN AUTHORITIES?

Are you seeking to solve any of these problems?

In case you face any of these problems while you have met all the requirements to obtain a visa/enter a Schengen country, this means that you might be subject to an alert in the Schengen Information System (SIS).



WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO?

We are a team of multi-lingual experienced international lawyers and professionals based in Beirut, Paris, Amsterdam and The Hague who can help you clear your name from the Schengen Information System (SIS) in order to be re-eligible for the Schengen visa.

HOW WE DO IT?

In general, when you have been denied Schengen visa, the refusing country advises to appeal the decision in front of an appeal court. This can be long and costly because you will be obliged to appoint a local lawyer and wait until judgment in the refusing country.

Moreover, the appeal judgment usually confirms the first-instance refusal decision.

Instead of going through this national appeal circuit, we go directly in front of the Schengen Information System (SIS) to save you time and money.

WHY US?

- I. We offer a complete different approach, procedure and circuit.
- II. We are experienced specialists in this field. We have successfully solved a large number of cases with a success rate of 100%.
- III. It is not a typical lawyers' task to waive an alert in the SIS system. It requires as well a deep and global understanding of the SIS system, and a full human interaction with both the client and the system.
- IV. Our team is fluent in 7 languages (French, Arabic, English, Italian, Spanish, German and Dutch) with the necessary academic background that makes us efficient.





WHAT IS THE SCHENGEN INFORMATION SYSTEM (SIS)?

The SIS, is a highly efficient large-scale information system/governmental database used by European countries to maintain and distribute information on individuals. The intended uses of this system are for national security, border control and law enforcement purposes.

IN WHICH STATES IS THE SIS IN OPERATION?

Currently, the SIS is used by 26 countries. Among the current participants:

- The 22 EU Member States that are part of the Schengen Area
- 4 Associated Countries that are part of the Schengen Area (Iceland, Norway, and Switzerland and Lichtenstein)



WHY APPEAL IS AN INEFFICIENT PROCEDURE AND CIRCUIT?

Applicants for a Schengen visa whose applications are refused are, by law, entitled to appeal the decision i.e. to try to have the decision overturned and changed, so that the visa is granted.

The Schengen Visa Code grants rights to applicants for a Schengen visa. However, in practice these rights are rarely acknowledged or honoured.



I. No reasons are given for refusal

The issuing embassy or consulate is not required to provide a reason for rejecting the application. Most denials are issued without any concrete reason. If or when given, the stated reasons for refusal are so vague that the applicant can only guess at the true reason for refusal.

II. What to appeal?

The vagueness of Article 32 (reasons for refusal) has the effect of making the refusal process opaque, leaving the visa section totally unaccountable and rendering an appeal impracticable; that is, it is impossible for an applicant to lodge an appeal without knowing the specific reasons for the refusal.

III. A local lawyer needs to be appointed

Schengen visa appeal needs to be made pursuant to the appeal country law or local practice of the Schengen country which has rejected the visa application or denied the visa (*locus regit actum*). In other words, the Schengen visa appeal is not governed by a central European policy, and individual countries have the freedom of establishing their own procedures and Schengen visa appeal methods.

Consequently, the foreign applicant should appeal to the local national court, through a national lawyer. The assistance of a national lawyer is required by law and only national lawyers can appeal the applicant's refusal. Applicant cannot appeal personally and the foreign lawyers are not authorized to appeal the national refusals.

IV. A Schengen visa appeal will take months with a doubtful result at the end

The appeal process is likely to waste the applicant's time and cause yet more grief and confusion by falsely raising his hopes.

The appeal will be decided months after the applicant's case filing and if unsuccessful, the applicant might receive no notification. His appeal will simply vanish.

Moreover, appeal judgment usually confirms the first-instance refusal decision.



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OUR SUCCESS CASES



- A Middle Eastern client was refused visa to Switzerland where he wanted to go and enjoy vacation with his family. His wife and children obtained the visa while his visa was denied.

No reasons were given by the Swiss consulate. He was notified the refusal and had one month to appeal in front of the federal court in Switzerland. This would have cost him a lot of time and money with no guarantee about the outcome.

Instead, we managed to solve his problem by going directly in front of the Schengen Information System (SIS) authorities in The Hague where we found out that his name was falsely registered on the terrorist SIS black list. It was a simple confusion with another homonym. His Schengen problem was solved within 5 months and he was granted visa.

- A Middle Eastern client was refused visa to France and was subject to an alert in the SIS. This client was previously judged (35 years ago) and sentenced by the French authorities. He was condemned to leave the French territory.

This client was advised to go in front of the CNIL (the competent French authority/the National Commission of Data Processing and Freedoms) that advised him to get a new French court decision that will enable him to lift the alert.

This would have cost him a lot of time and money. We managed to waive the alert directly through a total different procedure in front of the Schengen Information System (SIS) within a 12-month period.

ABOUT JALLAD & ASSOCIATES LAW FIRM

The law firm is specialized in tax law, civil international law, mediation and pre-litigation as well as medical malpractice law. The office has many correspondents and partners in Europe, namely in Italy (Studio Legale Fares/Milano), and in France (SCP Jean-Paul Combastet/Paris).

In 2012, a division specialized in solving Schengen issues for third country natives was built up together with Mrs Anne Steenkamp, partner & manager in charge of the Amsterdam antenna dedicated to this business.

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