



INFORMATION NOTE
on the application of

**Regulation EU No 265/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council
amending the Convention Implementing the Schengen Agreement and
Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 as regards movement of persons with a long-
stay visa**

The Regulation aims at facilitating the circulation within the Schengen area without internal borders of third-country nationals legally residing in one of the Member States on the basis of a long-stay "D" visa issued by that Member State. Long stay visa means all visa that are valid over 90 days.

The Regulation enters into force on 5 April 2010, which means that from that date

- **All valid long-stay visas will allow for free circulation in the Schengen area** (except Denmark) **for three months in a six month-period** (as a tourist). A third-country national holding a long-stay D visa issued by a Member State will be allowed to travel to the other Member States for three months in any half year, under the same conditions as the holder of a residence permit. In accordance with the Regulation, **this rule also applies to long-stay visas already issued before 5 April 2010, including still valid D+C visas;**
- For D visas already issued, the **six months reference period** will start on 5 April 2010. In case of D+C visas issued before 5 April, the period of stay should be calculated on the basis of actual stays in the other Member States before and after 5 April 2010;

Truck drivers:

Truck drivers employed at a polish company fulfilling these rules are allowed to drive **90 days** within **a full year** through the Schengen area (except Denmark).