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1. Tourists having credit documents to the value of £15 or less at their disposal. In this case the Authorisation Office in London will enter the whole amount on part B of the authorisation, and immediately on arrival in Switzerland the traveller may cash the entire sum, if he wishes to do so. The amount paid out will then be noted on part B which must be presented again when claiming further payments.

2. Tourists having credit documents to a value exceeding £15 at their disposal. In this case the Authorisation Office in London will enter the amount of £15 on part B of the authorisation and the remainder on part C. As stated in para. 1, the amount on part B may be cashed immediately if so desired, whereas the amount entered in Part C will not be paid before the seventh day after the first payment. Should the traveller leave Switzerland temporarily, payment of credit documents covered by part C will be deferred by the number of days corresponding to the time spent outside Switzerland.

Persons wishing to travel to Switzerland with funds obtained under the BASIC ALLOWANCE scheme should observe the following procedure and regulations:

BEFORE LEAVING THE UNITED KINGDOM:

- 1. An application must be made, preferably by post, to the Authorisation Office for Travel to Switzerland in London on the prescribed form.
- 2. The *total amount* required must be stated on the application, i.e.:
- (a) the amount paid by means of Form V through a bank or travel agency in the U.K. for advance payment of hotel accommodation, etc., in Switzerland;
- (b) the amount of travellers' cheques, letters of credit, etc.;
- (c) the amount of Swiss currency to be obtained in the U.K. (in general a maximum of £5).
- 3. Documents (hotel bookings, etc.) are to be enclosed stating precisely the place and the length of stay in Switzerland.

AFTER REACHING SWITZERLAND:

1. No travellers' cheques, etc., issued under the BASIC ALLOWANCE scheme will be paid without production of the authorisation.

- 2. The amount entered on $part\ B$ of the authorisation can be cashed immediately on arrival.
- 3. The amount entered on part C of the authorisation can be cashed at the earliest on the seventh day after the initial payment.
- 4. Swiss currency obtained under these arrangements must not be used for any other purpose than that of meeting personal travel and holiday requirements. Before leaving Switzerland travellers must pay into a Bank any balance in Swiss franc notes remaining in their possession. The amounts thus paid in will be transferred through the Swiss bank to the traveller in the U.K.

The above measures are in the interests of all concerned and it would be appreciated if travellers would not apply for more funds than they really need to cover their requirements as tourists in Switzerland. Compliance with this request would mean that the greatest possible number of British tourists could be given the opportunity of visiting Switzerland within the limits of the total amount fixed for tourist purposes.

Authorisation Office for Travel to Switzerland, 11c, Lower Regent Street,

London, S.W.1.

NOTE. The Authorisation Office does not deal with special allotments for Business or Educational purposes, Health reasons, etc. Such special allotments, if granted by the Bank of England, are entered on page 32 of the beneficiary's passport and travel credit documents issued against them are payable in Switzerland upon presentation of the passport, without an authorisation.

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