



EMN Ad-Hoc Query on Query on national residence permits issued to third country nationals who are holders of passports issued by Taiwan

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Residence

Responses from Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom (23 in total)

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Background information:

The Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service (INIS) requests information on the following question regarding national residence permits issued to third country nationals who are holders of passports issued by Taiwan.

We would appreciate your answer by 5 April 2018.

Questions

1. What do your competent national authorities enter in the fields of (a) country of birth, and (b) the three-letter code pertaining to the country of the place of birth in the residence permits issued to holders of Taiwanese passports?

Responses

	Country	Wider Dissemination	Response
	Austria	Yes	1. It needs to be mentioned that Austria has not recognized Taiwan as a state. Therefore, “Taiwan” cannot be entered as nationality offhandedly. However, in order to take into account the needs of applicants, the description “[Taiwan]” (name in square brackets without affix or footnote) can be used in documents and forms. a) Regarding persons with Taiwanese travel documents, the competent Austrian authorities enter [Taiwan] as nationality in the “residence permit”. As ISOCODE “TWN” is entered. b) The Austrian residence permit has only one field "birthplace" in which the birthplace of the alien is written out, but no field with the title "country of birthplace" and thus no special codes are to be filled in. --- Source: Ministry of the Interior
	Belgium	Yes	1. Regarding the fields country/place of birth, it is worth noting that in Belgium, only the place of birth - and not the country of birth - is entered. The place of birth is not followed by the country of birth in brackets. However if the place of birth is not known, then the country of birth (as named at the moment of birth - and not as currently named) is entered. Source: Immigration Office - Study

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	Bulgaria	Yes	1. a) Taiwan b) TWN
	Croatia	Yes	1. 1. (a) Three letter code TWN is entered in the fields: date and place of birth, and Citizenship. (b) TWN in accordance with ISO 3166.
	Czech Republic	Yes	1. The Czech Republic officials enter these fields according to information in the passport (other relevant documents) of the third country national who is applying for a resident permit.
	Estonia	Yes	1. Estonia does not recognize Taiwan as an independent state hence in the information system and on the residence permit card it is printed CHINA/CHN as country of birth/citizenship/nationality.
	Finland	Yes	1. a) Taiwan b) TWN
	France	Yes	1. a) TAIWAN b) TW
	Germany	Yes	1. In the residence permits issued by Germany, there is generally no indication of the state of birth indicating the place of birth.
	Greece	Yes	1. (a) Country of birth: "Taiwan" (b) Three-letter code pertaining to the country of the place of birth in the residence permits: "TWN" (Citizenship: Chinese, TWN) Source: Hellenic Republic, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Circular by the Minister, date: 16 May 2018
	Hungary	Yes	1. Pursuant to Council Regulation No. 539/2001 (EC) visa-free entry for a period not exceeding 90 days shall be granted to Taiwanese nationals with passports issued by the Republic of China containing the identity card number. In case of resident permits (for a stay over the 3-month period)

			"Taiwan" is used both as a place of birth and nationality.
	Ireland	Yes	1. Ireland is exploring this issue.
	Italy	Yes	1. In correspondence with the citizenship field, the ISO code " TWN" is printed on the field. The place of birth is printed in full and represents a field editable by the Police operators within the computer system.
	Latvia	Yes	1. Latvia uses the ICAO identifier TWN.
	Lithuania	Yes	1. When issuing residence permits LT follows the information provided in the submitted travel document. Therefore, a) Taiwan; b) It should be noted that in LT, place of birth is entered in full, not three letter code, therefore it would be entered "Taiwan" for place of birth. TWN would be entered for the three-letter code pertaining to the nationality (in the MRZ).
	Luxembourg	Yes	1. A) China (TAIWAN) B) TWN
	Netherlands	Yes	1. In field (a) Taiwan, and (b) the code TWN
	Poland	Yes	1. a) Taiwan b) TW
	Portugal	Yes	1. PT follows the nationality of the travel document presented which means the use of the three – letter code pertaining to the country of the passport presented. PT follows the recommendation of Doc 9303 of ICAO regarding ID1 documents: the three – letter code pertaining to the country of the travel document presented by the holder, is the same on the MRZ of the residence permit.

	Slovak Republic	Yes	1. SK enters in the field for the place of birth the three-letter code TWN and city/town where the person was born.
	Spain	Yes	1. Taiwán-Taipéi (TWN)
	Sweden	Yes	1. With reference to the previous ad-hoc query on the same issue launched by SI in June 2016 the answer is Taiwan.
	United Kingdom	Yes	1. Taiwan TWN