

Definition

The New Zealand Immigration Service (NZIS) instigates a number of special categories during each year which are decided by ballot. These categories are the Family Quota, the Refugee Quota and the Pacific Access Category (PAC) scheme. These categories are in place to give individuals who do not meet any of the regular NZIS policy criteria an opportunity to apply for residence in New Zealand.

To be eligible for the consideration under the Ballot system, an applicant may have to meet stipulations of age, health or character, and employment requirements which differ under each specialised category. However the Ballot process utilised is the same for all categories mentioned above. Specifically, for the Family Quota and Refugee Family Quota each prospective applicant under these categories needs to have a sponsor in New Zealand who is willing to register the principal applicant for eligibility in the Ballot. For the PAC no sponsor is required, but a prospective applicant must have an offer of employment in New Zealand. A time frame is specified during the year for which registrations are accepted and a Ballot is drawn at a pre-arranged time during the year.

Each category has a pre-set limit on the number of individuals that can take up residence each year. Registration numbers are drawn at random until the Quota numbers for the year are met. The Ballot takes into account individuals, not applications, so therefore an application with more than one applicant counts each applicant towards the final Quota figure. The successful individuals that are drawn under the Ballot system are then eligible to apply for residence under the category they are registered under.

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	Decision															Total		
	Ballot Successful	Ballot Unsuccessful	Ballot Unsuccessful (In Progress at Draw)	Decision to Proceed	Declined - Not eligible sponsor	Declined Lapsed	Failed Immigration Status	Failed Registration Requirements	Failed Requirements	Failed Time in NZ	In Ballot	Invitation to apply issued	Not a UNHCR Mandated Refugee	On Hand	Sponsor Withdrawal			
Application Criteria																		
2002 Family Quota Category	276	16,832	9	.	.	.	109	4,774		108	.	.	.	.	.	.	22,108
2002 PAC Registration Kiribati	51	321	.	.	.	.	1	60	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	433
2002 PAC Registration Tonga	253	2,367	10	.	.	.	5	206	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,841
2002 PAC Registration Tuvalu	80	19	.	.	.	.	5	34	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	138
2002 Refugee Family Category Registration	302	3,553	12	.	.	.	6	80	.	15	.	.	.	.	.	.	3,968
2003 Family Quota Category	146	7,565	5	.	.	.	42	356	.	126	.	.	.	.	.	137	8,377
2003 PAC Registration Fiji	253	12,393	12	.	.	.	37	934	28	13,657
2003 PAC Registration Kiribati	50	111	.	.	.	.	6	56	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6	229
2003 PAC Registration Tonga	214	1,851	.	.	.	.	5	301	.	.	.	.	.	.	11	.	2,182
2003 PAC Registration Tuvalu	75	16	.	.	.	.	7	18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	116
2003 PAC Reregistration Kiribati	28	28	.	.	.	.	.	25	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	81
2003 PAC Reregistration Tonga	40	643	.	.	.	.	2	170	.	.	.	.	.	.	16	.	871
2003 PAC Reregistration Tuvalu	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
2003 Re-registration Family Quota Category	107	6,047	.	.	.	.	46	149	.	20	.	.	.	.	78	.	6,447
2003 Refugee Family Category Registration	153	1,079	.	.	.	.	.	132	.	16	.	.	.	.	9	.	1,389
2003 Refugee Family Category Reregistration	149	1,131	.	.	.	.	32	195	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,510
2004 PAC Registration Fiji	168	2,504	2	.	.	.	14	327	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3,015
2004 PAC Registration Kiribati	109	.	.	.	.	.	.	54	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	163
2004 PAC Registration Tonga	247	1,984	.	.	.	.	8	618	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,857
2004 PAC Registration Tuvalu	63	.	.	.	.	.	.	29	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	92
2004 PAC Reregistration Fiji	160	2,447	1	.	.	.	12	113	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,733
2004 PAC Reregistration Kiribati	34	.	.	.	.	.	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	40
2004 PAC Reregistration Tonga	115	909	.	.	.	.	3	76	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,103
2004 PAC Reregistration Tuvalu	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
2004 Refugee Family Quota Registration	170	1,138	1	.	.	.	.	249	.	14	.	.	.	.	2	.	1,574
2004 Refugee Family Quota Reregistration	132	1,377	16	.	.	.	2	100	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,627
2005 PAC Registration Fiji	191	12,111	7	.	.	.	299	430	.	.	.	.	.	.	30	.	13,068
2005 PAC Registration Kiribati	70	479	.	.	.	.	34	32	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	615
2005 PAC Registration Tonga	221	8,004	17	.	.	.	174	370	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	8,787
2005 PAC Registration Tuvalu	70	305	.	.	.	.	10	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	398
2005 PAC Reregistration Fiji	89	4,697	.	.	.	.	58	159	.	.	.	.	.	.	8	.	5,011
2005 PAC Reregistration Kiribati	15	54	.	.	.	.	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	74
2005 PAC Reregistration Tonga	55	2,119	.	.	.	.	28	95	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,297
2005 PAC Reregistration Tuvalu	14	23	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	37
2005 Refugee Family Quota Registration	143	1,175	.	.	.	.	6	75	.	1	.	.	.	.	3	.	1,403
2005 Refugee Family Quota Reregistration	164	1,591	.	.	.	.	5	337	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,097
2006 Refugee Family Quota Registration	132	1,763	.	.	.	.	22	40	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,957
2006 Refugee Family Quota Reregistration	170	2,145	.	.	.	.	52	29	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,396
PAC Registration Fiji 2006	117	5,045	.	.	.	.	21	366	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5,549
PAC Registration Fiji 2007	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	37	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	37
PAC Registration Fiji 2015	275	20,768	.	.	.	.	.	512	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21,555
PAC Registration Fiji 2016	159	8,672	.	.	.	.	.	206	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9,037
PAC Registration Fiji 2017	115	5,254	.	.	.	.	.	103	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5,472
PAC Registration Fiji 2018	141	6,089	.	.	.	.	.	114	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6,344
PAC Registration Fiji 2019	111	7,443	.	.	.	.	.	145	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7,699
PAC Registration Kiribati 2006	76	957	.	.	.	.	.	25	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,058
PAC Registration Kiribati 2007	49	1,611	.	.	.	.	.	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1,667
PAC Registration Kiribati 2008	57	1,568	.	.	.	.	.	19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,644
PAC Registration Kiribati 2009	72	1,761	.	.	.	.	.	23	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,856
PAC Registration Kiribati 2010	47	1,691	.	.	.	.	.	70	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,808
PAC Registration Kiribati 2011	7	914	.	.	.	.	.	105	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,026
PAC Registration Kiribati 2012	29	978	.	.	.	.	.	58	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,065
PAC Registration Kiribati 2013	31	635	.	.	.	.	.	33	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	699
PAC Registration Kiribati 2014	36	924	.	.	.	.	.	18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	978
PAC Registration Kiribati 2015	54	1,257	.	.	.	.	.	159	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,470
PAC Registration Kiribati 2016	35	1,388	.	.	.	.	.	93	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,516
PAC Registration Kiribati 2017	33	1,404	.	.	.	.	.	114	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,551
PAC Registration Kiribati 2018	17	1,459	.	.	.	.	.	97	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,573
PAC Registration Kiribati 2019	41	1,291	.	.	.	.	.	92	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,424
PAC Registration Tonga 2006	112	2,181	.	.	.	.	5	208	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	2,507
PAC Registration Tonga 2007	107	4,040	.	.	.	.	.	111	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4,258
PAC Registration Tonga 2008	105	2,432	.	.	.	.	.	218	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	2,757
PAC Registration Tonga 2009	102	1,626	.	.	.	.	.	52	.	.	.	.	.	.	6	.	1,786
PAC Registration Tonga 2010	117	2,041	.	.	.	.	29	206	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,393
PAC Registration Tonga 2011	63	872	.	.	.	.	5	98	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,038
PAC Registration Tonga 2012	76	1,381	.	.	.	.	.	151	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,608
PAC Registration Tonga 2013	71	1,494	.	.	.	.	.	69	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,634
PAC Registration Tonga 2014	108	1,879	.	.	.	.	.	73	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	.	2,067
PAC Registration Tonga 2015	74	2,527	.	.	.	.	.	91	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,692
PAC Registration Tonga 2016	72	2,098	.	.	.	.	12	113	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,295
PAC Registration Tonga 2017	98	2,343	.	.	.	.	.	68	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,509
PAC Registration Tonga 2018	103	3,075	.	.	.	.	.	133	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3,311
PAC Registration Tonga 2019	32	2,058	3	.	.	.	.	72	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,165
PAC Registration Tuvalu 2006	58	340	.	.	.	.	.	17	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	415
PAC Registration Tuvalu 2007	53	287	.	.	.	.	.	27	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	367
PAC Registration Tuvalu 2008	52	282	.	.	.	.	.	22	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	356
PAC Registration Tuvalu 2009	58	206	.	.	.	.	.	22	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	286
PAC Registration Tuvalu 2010	83	240	.	.	.	.	.	19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	342
PAC Registration Tuvalu 2011	38	123	.	.	.	.	.	59	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	220
PAC Registration Tuvalu 2012	40	303	.	.	.	.	.	38	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	381
PAC Registration Tuvalu 2013	40	390	.	.	.	.	.	17	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	437
PAC Registration Tuvalu 2014	37	253	.	.	.	.	.	30	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	320
PAC Registration Tuvalu 2015	40	321	5	.	.	.	.	34	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	400
PAC Registration Tuvalu 2016	55	421	.	.	.	.	.	31	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	507
PAC Registration Tuvalu 2017	52	435	.	.	.	.	.	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	499
PAC Registration Tuvalu 2018	17	325	.	.	.	.	.	18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	360
PAC Registration Tuvalu 2019	29	418	.	.	.	.	.	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	458
PAC Reregistration Fiji 2006	163	6,659	.	.	.	.	8	230	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7,060
PAC Reregistration Fiji 2007	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	123	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	123
PAC Reregistration Fiji 2015	17	1,348	.	.	.	.	.	183	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,548
PAC Reregistration Fiji 2016	166	9,594	.	.	.	.	.	395	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10,155
PAC Reregistration Fiji 2017	202	8,761	5	.	.	.	.	310	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9,278
PAC Reregistration Fiji 2018	185	9,111	.	.	.	.	.	284	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9,580
PAC Reregistration Fiji 2019	189	11,067	.	.	.	.	.	371	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11,627
PAC Reregistration Kiribati 2006	13	232	.	.	.	.	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	251
PAC Reregistration Kiribati 2007	43	645	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	690
PAC Reregistration Kiribati 2008	40	1,201	.	.	.	.	.	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,261
PAC Reregistration Kiribati 2009	42	1,648	.	.	.	.	.	23	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,713
PAC Reregistration Kiribati 2010	78	2,016	.	.	.	.	.	66	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,160
PAC Reregistration Kiribati 2011	34	2,063	.	.	.	.	.	103	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,200
PAC Reregistration Kiribati 2012	57	1,731	.	.	.	.	.	45	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,833
PAC Reregistration Kiribati 2013	50	1,439	.	.	.	.	.	45	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,534
PAC Reregistration Kiribati 2014	52	1,426	.	.	.	.	.	18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,496
PAC Reregistration Kiribati 2015	46	2,005	.	.	.	.	.	58	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,109
PAC Reregistration Kiribati 2016	63	2,425	.	.	.	.	.	43	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,531
PAC Reregistration Kiribati 2017	54	2,563	14	2,631	
PAC Reregistration Kiribati 2018	63	2,648	77	2,788	

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	Family Quota Registration	PAC Registration	Refugee Family Quota	Samoan Quota Registration	
Nationality					
Alghanistan	38		5,654	1	5,693
Albania	10		13		23
Algeria	1		17		18
American Samoa				286	286
Argentina	7				7
Armenia			2		2
Aruba	1				1
Azerbaijan			3		3
Bangladesh	532		63	6	601
Belarus	4				4
Belgium			3		3
Bhutan			88		88
Bolivia	7				7
Bosnia & Herzegovina			6		6
Brazil	3			1	4
Brunei Darussalam	4				4
Bulgaria	21		16		37
Burundi	2		99		101
Cambodia	476		1,373		1,849
Cameroon	2		6		8
Canada	51	5	3		59
Chile	24		4		28
China	10,715	4	1,671	7	12,397
Colombia	11		387		398
Congo	1		142		143
Costa Rica	4				4
Croatia	1		3		4
Cuba			1		1
Democratic Republic of Congo			140		140
Denmark	3		8		11
Djibouti	4		16		20
Ecuador	6		29		35
Egypt	117		14		131
El Salvador			13		13
Eritrea	28		673		701
Estonia			3		3
Ethiopia	235		5,146		5,381
European Commission			1		1
Fiji	6,488	142,292	11	43	148,834
Finland		6			6
France	3		26		29
Gabon			14		14
Gambia	1				1
Georgia	3				3
Germany	24	31	13	4	72
Ghana	12		3		15
Great Britain	985	7	3	23	1,018
Greece	7		8		15
Guinea			3		3
Hong Kong	769		13		782
Iceland	5		10		15
India	2,647	22	803	30	3,502
Indonesia	120		45		165
Iran	340		2,167		2,507
Iraq	696		2,046		2,742
Ireland	19				19
Israel	9		20		29
Italy	1		26	3	30
Japan	44	3	5		52
Jordan	21		60		81
Kazakhstan	3		5		8
Kenya	64		1,171		1,235
Kiribati	20	47,079	19	6	47,124
Kosovo - Republic of			33		33
Kosovo - UN Mission in			74		74
Kuwait	2		10		12
Kyrgyzstan			5		5
Laos	28		454		482
Latvia	13				13
Lebanon	22				22
Liberia		3	6		9
Libya	10		2		12
Lithuania	2				2
Macau	43				43
Macedonia	28		3		31
Madagascar			15		15
Malawi	6		9		15
Malaysia	854		60		914
Mauritius	1				1
Mexico			1		1
Moldova	1				1
Mongolia			4		4
Mozambique	1				1
Myanmar	28	3	1,855		1,886
Nauru		22			22
Nepal	50		129		179
Netherlands	7		14		21
Nigeria	7		9		16
North Korea	4				4
Norway	1		9		10
Oman	4				4
Pakistan	203	4	544	7	758
Palestine	7		72		79
Panama	11				11
Papua New Guinea	7			2	9
Peru	43		12		55
Philippines	2,406		10		2,416
Poland	23		1		24
Qatar			1		1
Romania	15				15
Russia	79		5		84
Rwanda	5		125	3	133
Samoa	677	71		373,569	374,317
Sao Tome & Principe				1	1
Saudi Arabia	7		50		57
Senegal			3		3
Serbia	13				13
Serbia & Montenegro			16		16
Seychelles	1				1
Sierra Leone			32		32
Singapore	197		4		201
Slovakia	4				4
Solomon Islands	8	5		1	14
Somalia	312		3,480	6	3,798
South Africa	460		33		493
South Korea	2,498				2,498
South Sudan			75		75
Spain			1	3	4
Sri Lanka	662		1,987		2,649
Stateless	1		21		22
Sudan	47		843		890
Swaziland				5	5
Sweden	1		7		8
Switzerland	8	1		2	11
Syria	82		352		434
Taiwan	936	5	22		963
Tajikistan			6		6
Tanzania	5		25		30
Thailand	110		80		190
Togo	4	57	5		66
Tonga	1,291	119,334		102	120,727
Trinidad and Tobago	2				2
Turkey	28		94		122
Turkmenistan	3	9			12
Tuvalu	22	11,747		36	11,805
Uganda	1		77		78
Ukraine	21				21
United Arab Emirates	18		38		56
United States of America	49	45	22	184	300
Unknown	28		45	12	85
Uzbekistan	2				2
Vanuatu	2	3	4	14	23
Vietnam	705		5,019		5,724
Western Sahara				1	1
Yemen	8	2	52		62
Yugoslavia	52		97		149
Zambia	12				12
Zimbabwe	55		55	5	115
Total	36,832	320,760	38,075	374,363	770,030

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China	10,715	4	1,671	7	12,397
Tuvalu	22	11,747	.	36	11,805
Vietnam	705	.	5,019	.	5,724
Afghanistan	38	.	5,654	1	5,693
Ethiopia	235	.	5,146	.	5,381
Somalia	312	.	3,480	6	3,798
India	2,647	22	803	30	3,502
Iraq	696	.	2,046	.	2,742
Sri Lanka	662	.	1,987	.	2,649
Iran	340	.	2,167	.	2,507
South Korea	2,498	.	.	.	2,498
Philippines	2,406	.	10	.	2,416
Myanmar	28	3	1,855	.	1,886
Cambodia	476	.	1,373	.	1,849
Kenya	64	.	1,171	.	1,235
Great Britain	985	7	3	23	1,018
Taiwan	936	5	22	.	963
Malaysia	854	.	60	.	914
Sudan	47	.	843	.	890
Hong Kong	769	.	13	.	782
Pakistan	203	4	544	7	758
Eritrea	28	.	673	.	701
Bangladesh	532	.	63	6	601
South Africa	460	.	33	.	493
Laos	28	.	454	.	482
Syria	82	.	352	.	434
Colombia	11	.	387	.	398
United States of America	49	45	22	184	300
American Samoa	.	.	.	286	286
Singapore	197	.	4	.	201
Thailand	110	.	80	.	190
Nepal	50	.	129	.	179
Indonesia	120	.	45	.	165
Yugoslavia	52	.	97	.	149
Congo	1	.	142	.	143
Democratic Republic of Congo	.	.	140	.	140
Rwanda	5	.	125	3	133
Egypt	117	.	14	.	131
Turkey	28	.	94	.	122
Zimbabwe	55	.	55	5	115
Burundi	2	.	99	.	101
Bhutan	.	.	88	.	88
Unknown	28	.	45	12	85
Russia	79	.	5	.	84
Jordan	21	.	60	.	81
Palestine	7	.	72	.	79
Uganda	1	.	77	.	78
South Sudan	.	.	75	.	75
Kosovo - UN Mission in	.	.	74	.	74
Germany	24	31	13	4	72
Togo	4	57	5	.	66
Yemen	8	2	52	.	62
Canada	51	5	3	.	59
Saudi Arabia	7	.	50	.	57
United Arab Emirates	18	.	38	.	56
Peru	43	.	12	.	55
Japan	44	3	5	.	52
Macau	43	.	.	.	43
Bulgaria	21	.	16	.	37
Ecuador	6	.	29	.	35
Kosovo - Republic of	.	.	33	.	33
Sierra Leone	.	.	32	.	32
Macedonia	28	.	3	.	31
Tanzania	5	.	25	.	30
Italy	1	.	26	3	30
Israel	9	.	20	.	29
France	3	.	26	.	29
Chile	24	.	4	.	28
Poland	23	.	1	.	24
Albania	10	.	13	.	23
Vanuatu	2	3	4	14	23
Lebanon	22	.	.	.	22
Stateless	1	.	21	.	22
Nauru	.	22	.	.	22
Netherlands	7	.	14	.	21
Ukraine	21	.	.	.	21
Djibouti	4	.	16	.	20
Ireland	19	.	.	.	19
Algeria	1	.	17	.	18
Nigeria	7	.	9	.	16
Serbia & Montenegro	.	.	16	.	16
Iceland	5	.	10	.	15
Romania	15	.	.	.	15
Ghana	12	.	3	.	15
Malawi	6	.	9	.	15
Greece	7	.	8	.	15
Madagascar	.	.	15	.	15
Solomon Islands	8	5	.	1	14
Gabon	.	.	14	.	14
Serbia	13	.	.	.	13
Latvia	13	.	.	.	13
El Salvador	.	.	13	.	13
Libya	10	.	2	.	12
Zambia	12	.	.	.	12
Kuwait	2	.	10	.	12
Turkmenistan	3	9	.	.	12
Panama	11	.	.	.	11
Switzerland	8	1	.	2	11
Denmark	3	.	8	.	11
Norway	1	.	9	.	10
Liberia	.	3	6	.	9
Papua New Guinea	7	.	.	2	9
Sweden	1	.	7	.	8
Kazakhstan	3	.	5	.	8
Cameroon	2	.	6	.	8
Argentina	7	.	.	.	7
Bolivia	7	.	.	.	7
Bosnia & Herzegovina	.	.	6	.	6
Tajikistan	.	.	6	.	6
Finland	.	6	.	.	6
Swaziland	.	.	.	5	5
Kyrgyzstan	.	.	5	.	5
North Korea	4	.	.	.	4
Brunei Darussalam	4	.	.	.	4
Brazil	3	.	.	1	4
Costa Rica	4	.	.	.	4
Oman	4	.	.	.	4
Spain	.	.	1	3	4
Croatia	1	.	3	.	4
Slovakia	4	.	.	.	4
Belarus	4	.	.	.	4
Mongolia	.	.	4	.	4
Guinea	.	.	3	.	3
Senegal	.	.	3	.	3
Georgia	3	.	.	.	3
Belgium	.	.	3	.	3
Estonia	.	.	3	.	3
Azerbaijan	.	.	3	.	3
Lithuania	2	.	.	.	2
Trinidad and Tobago	2	.	.	.	2
Uzbekistan	2	.	.	.	2
Armenia	.	.	2	.	2
Moldova	1	.	.	.	1
Aruba	1	.	.	.	1
Seychelles	1	.	.	.	1
Mauritius	1	.	.	.	1
Mozambique	1	.	.	.	1
Gambia	1	.	.	.	1
Western Sahara	.	.	.	1	1
European Commission	.	.	1	.	1
Cuba	.	.	1	.	1
Qatar	.	.	1	.	1
Mexico	.	.	1	.	1
Sao Tome & Principe	.	.	.	1	1
Total	36,832	320,760	38,075	374,363	770,030