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The following Temporary Procedures are enacted to supervise the borders of the Fatherland and to facilitate the departure and entry of our overseas brethren:

I. Overseas Chinese who wish to leave or to enter the country are permitted to do so provided they hold the visa, and other identity documents issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of our People's Republic of China or offices in charge of foreign affairs at various places within the country or our diplomatic and consular offices abroad.

II. Overseas Chinese returning from countries which have not yet established diplomatic relations with our People's Republic of China and who possess none of the aforementioned passport visa and other identity documents must apply for a "Certificate of Returned Overseas Chinese" at the border security checkpoints of the local people's government when they enter the border so that their status as Overseas Chinese can be verified and the People's Government may extend to them the necessary cares.

III. Overseas Chinese who are leaving the country for countries which have not yet established diplomatic relations with our People's Republic of China must possess certificates issued by the ward and township people's governments or the overseas Chinese affairs offices of various levels of the People's Government and apply for overseas Chinese exit permits at the public security offices of the people's governments of the county (municipality) where they originally came from or where they reside at present, and leave the country at designated points.

IV. Overseas Chinese leaving and entering the country must follow the stipulations of the Temporary General Regulations on Inspecting Passenger's Luggage issued by the Administrative Council by producing the aforementioned passport visa and other identity certificates and the luggage and goods carried in person for inspection by border security office of the local people's government without defiance at the time when they pass through the exit and entry points.

V. Overseas Chinese who are leaving and entering the country and whose passport visa and other identity documents are overdue or fail to meet the requirements may be instructed by the border security office of the people's government to make separate applications for departure and entry or to no longer attempt to leave or enter the country.

VI. These Procedures have been submitted to the Administrative Council of the Central People's Government for approval and will be promulgated by the Ministry of Public Security of the Central People's Government for implementation, When these Procedures become effective on the date of promulgation any provisions in the present procedures of various places which are in conflict with various provisions of these Procedures shall be rescinded immediately.

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