



## Peking

### **Bona Fide**

Facilitation for business purpose visas to Sweden

A Swedish company with a subsidiary in China or a company with strong ties to Sweden whose employees often need to travel to Sweden can apply to acquire 'Bona Fide' status. The visa facilitations that the Bona Fide status entails will be available for employees of the company to expedite the process of Schengen visa.

#### **What kind of companies can apply for Bona Fide status?**

- Swedish companies with a subsidiary in China
- Chinese companies with strong ties to Sweden

#### **What are the benefits for Bona Fide Companies?**

- No need to apply in person. A courier can be accredited.
- Invitation not necessarily in original. A scanned copy is acceptable.
- Limited documents to supply:
  - No need to present business license
  - No need to provide bank account statement, if it is stated in the dispatch letter that the company will cover all costs
- Decision within 7 calendar days

#### **How to obtain Bona Fide status?**

- Companies who meet the requirements described above that want to apply for 'Bona Fide' status need to contact a nearest Swedish Mission by email:

- Embassy of Sweden in Beijing:

[visa.beijing@gov.se](mailto:visa.beijing@gov.se)

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- Consulate General of Sweden in Shanghai:  
[generalkonsulat.shanghai-visum@gov.se](mailto:generalkonsulat.shanghai-visum@gov.se)

- An application form will be forwarded by email for the company to fill out.
- Once duly completed, the Embassy of Sweden in Beijing or Consulate General of Sweden in Shanghai will assess the qualifications and monitor the visa application frequency during the following months.
- The list of Bona Fide companies will be updated annually in October upon assessing the performance of each company.
- The Embassy in Beijing or the Consulate General in Shanghai will inform the company and the VFS Visa Application Centre about the decision; and the company needs to prepare the following documents to complete the process and be granted status as a Bona Fide Company:
  - Original letter from the company in China (printed with the company letter head and logo and signed by the company's official or legal representative), containing information on why the company needs bona fide status and a short presentation of the company.
  - Original letter from the Swedish business partner in Sweden (printed with the company letter head and logo and signed by the company's official or legal representative)
  - Copy of Chinese business license and organization code certificate, stamped, no older than one year
  - Registration issued by Bolagsverket (Swedish Companies Register Office), no older than 6 months
  - Name list of three couriers assigned by the company
- Companies are suggested to submit their application in the first half of a calendar year. Late applications will lead to assessment extensions.
- A company that already enjoys Bona Fide status must update the data annually in October.
- In the event that visa applications are not submitted appropriately, or there is a breach of confidence, a company could lose the Bona Fide status. A company will be removed from the Bona Fide list if the number

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of visits diminishes significantly and it is concluded that the need for Bona Fide status no longer exists.

**Companies enjoying Bona Fide status from Jan 1st 2015**

1. ABB
2. AB Volvo
3. Alfa Laval
4. Astra Zeneca
5. Atlas Copco
6. Balda Solutions
7. Bombardier
8. Car-O-Liner/Alignment Systems AB/Josam AB/Truckcam
9. De Laval
10. Dynapac
11. Ericsson
12. Getinge
13. H & M
14. Haldex
15. Husqvarna
16. IKEA
17. IMI Indoor
18. LKAB
19. Lövepac Converting
20. MQ
21. Nolato
22. Sandvik Coromant
23. SAPA (previously Gränges Aluminium Shanghai Ltd)
24. SCA
25. SSAB
26. Scania
27. SKF
28. Sony
29. Tetra Pak
30. Tieto Enator
31. Trelleborg
32. Volvo Cars
33. Xylem Water Solutions