

U.S. faces threat of losing EU visa waivers

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BRUSSELS—The European Union's executive will discuss on Tuesday the right of U.S. citizens to visit the bloc without a visa, a spokeswoman said Friday.

The European Commission's discussion is a response to the fact that the U.S. has yet to grant visa-free entry to the whole of the EU, despite pressure from the bloc. The discussion could lead to EU visa waivers for U.S. citizens being shelved within months, although the bloc has some wiggle room over when it must act.

In January 2014, a revised visa system was implemented, giving the commission power to temporarily suspend visa exemptions for foreign countries that didn't lift their own visa requirements. The new rules were primarily an attempt to put pressure on countries such as the U.S.

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