**3. How long can US citizens stay in the territory of the Slovak Republic?**

A USA national who holds a valid US travel document may enter and stay in the territory of the Slovak Republic on the basis of two parallel visa-free regimes:

* Visa-free regime between the European Union as a whole and the USA according to the Council Regulation (EC) No. 539/2001 of 15 March 2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement (90 days in any 180-day period)
* Visa-free regime based on a bilateral visa waiver agreement between the Slovak Republic and the USA (90 days within a period of 6 months)

In general, if a USA national enters Schengen territory through the territory of the Slovak Republic, both visa-free regimes begin to run simultaneously, and thus, after exhausting the maximum number of days, he/she is obliged to leave the territory of the Slovak Republic.

In case that a USA national enters Schengen through the territory of another Member State, only the visa-free regime established by the said Council Regulation No. 539/2001. Upon exhaustion or after the end of a previous stay in another Member State, a USA national is entitled to enter the territory of the Slovak Republic on the basis of a bilateral visa waiver agreement between the Slovak Republic and the USA and to stay there in accordance with this agreement.