

ARTICLE 24

Submitting a Claim, Notice or Appeal

1. A claim, notice or appeal regarding eligibility for a pension, or, the amount of, a pension, under the legislation of a Party which should, for the purposes of that legislation, have been submitted within a prescribed period to a competent authority or competent institution of that Party, but which is submitted within the same period to a competent authority or competent institution of the other Party, shall be treated as if it had been submitted to the competent authority or institution of the first Party. The date of submission of a claim, notice or appeal to the competent authority or institution of the other Party shall be deemed to be the date of its submission to the competent authority or institution of the first Party.
2. The date that a claim for a pension is submitted under the legislation of a Party is deemed to be the date of submission of a claim for the corresponding pension under the legislation of the other Party, provided that the applicant at the time of application provides information indicating that creditable periods have been completed under the legislation of the other Party. This paragraph shall not apply if a claim is submitted before the date of entry into force of this Agreement or if the applicant requests that the claim to the pension under the legislation of the other Party be delayed.
3. The competent authority or institution of a Party to which a claim, notice or appeal has been submitted shall transmit it without delay to the competent authority or institution of the other Party.

ARTICLE 25

Payment of Pensions

1. A Party shall pay pensions under this Agreement to a beneficiary who resides outside its territory in a freely convertible currency according to its legislation.
2. A Party shall pay pensions under this Agreement directly to a beneficiary without any deduction for its administrative expenses.

ARTICLE 26

Resolution of Disputes

1. The competent authorities of the Parties shall resolve, to the extent possible, any disputes which arise in interpreting or applying this Agreement in accordance with the spirit and fundamental principles of this Agreement.