

PART I  
GENERAL PROVISIONS

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Definitions

1. For the purposes of this Agreement,

"benefit" means any cash benefit, pension or allowance for which provision is made in the legislation of either Party and includes any supplements or increases applicable to such a cash benefit, pension or allowance;

"competent authority" means, as regards Canada, the Minister or Ministers responsible for the application of the legislation of Canada; and, as regards Malta, the Minister from time to time in charge of the Department of Social Security;

"competent institution" means, as regards Canada, the competent authority; and, as regards Malta, the Department of Social Security;

"creditable period" means a period of contributions, whether paid or credited, or a period of residence used to acquire the right to a benefit under the legislation of either Party; as regards Canada, it also means a period during which a disability pension is payable under the Canada Pension Plan;

"Government of Canada" means the Government in its capacity as representative of Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada and represented by the Minister of National Health and Welfare;

"legislation" means, in relation to a Party, the laws and regulations specified in Article II(1) with respect to that Party;

"member of the crew of a ship or aircraft" includes master, pilot, commander and navigator;

"territory" means, as regards Canada, the territory of Canada; and, as regards Malta, the territory of Malta as defined in the Constitution of Malta.

2. Any term not defined in this Article has the meaning assigned to it in the applicable legislation.