

- (d) "competent authority" means,
as regards the Federal Republic of Germany,
the Federal Minister of Labour and Social Affairs (Bundesminister für Arbeit und Sozialordnung); and,
as regards Canada,
the Minister or Ministers responsible for the application of the legislation specified in Article 2(1)(b);
- (e) "institution" means,
as regards the Federal Republic of Germany,
the institution or authority responsible for the application of the legislation specified in Article 2(1)(a); and,
as regards Canada,
the competent authority;
- (f) "competent institution" means the institution which is responsible for applying the legislation in a specific case;
- (g) "period of coverage" means a period of contribution or a period of residence which is defined or recognized as a period of coverage by the legislation under which it has been completed, or any similar period insofar as it is considered equivalent to a period of coverage by that legislation;
- (h) "cash benefit" means a pension or any other cash benefit, including any increases.

(2) Any term not defined in paragraph (1) has the meaning assigned to it in the applicable legislation.

ARTICLE 2

(1) Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, it shall apply:

- (a) as regards the Federal Republic of Germany,
to the legislation concerning:
- (i) Wage Earners' Pension Insurance (Rentenversicherung der Arbeiter),
 - (ii) Salaried Employees' Pension Insurance (Rentenversicherung der Angestellten),
 - (iii) Miners' Pension Insurance (Knappschaftliche Rentenversicherung),
 - (iv) Steelworkers' Supplementary Insurance (Hüttenknappschaftliche Zusatzversicherung),
 - (v) Farmers' Old Age Assistance (Altershilfe für Landwirte);

and