

ARTICLE 22

Submitting a Claim, Notice or Appeal

1. Claims, notices and appeals concerning eligibility for, or the amount of, a benefit 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 are submitted within the same period to a competent authority or competent institution of the other Party, shall be treated as if they had been submitted to the competent authority or competent institution of the first Party. The date of submission of claims, notices and appeals to the competent authority or competent institution of the other Party shall be deemed to be the date of their submission to the competent authority or competent institution of the first Party. The competent authority or competent institution to which the claim, notice or appeal has been submitted shall transmit it without delay to the competent authority or competent institution of the other Party.

2. The date that a claim for a benefit is submitted under the legislation of a Party shall be considered to be the date that a claim for a corresponding benefit is submitted under the legislation of the other Party, provided that the applicant at the time of application:

- (i) requests that it be considered a claim under the legislation of the other Party, or
- (ii) provides information indicating that creditable periods have been completed under the legislation of the other Party.

The preceding sentence shall not apply if the applicant requests that his or her claim to the benefit under the legislation of the other Party be delayed.

3. Paragraph 2 of this Article shall only apply to claims submitted after the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 23

Payment of Benefits

1. The competent institution of a Party shall pay benefits under this Agreement to a beneficiary who resides outside its territory in a freely convertible currency.

2. A competent institution of a Party shall pay benefits under this Agreement without any deduction for its administrative expenses.