

CHAPTER VII

Transitional and Final Provisions

ARTICLE 21

1. This Agreement shall apply to events which occurred prior to its coming into force.
2. This Agreement shall not create any entitlement to benefits for any period prior to its coming into force.
3. All insurance or equivalent periods, as well as all periods of residence completed under the legislation of one of the Contracting States prior to the date on which this Agreement comes into force shall be taken into consideration in determining entitlement to any benefit in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 22

1. Subject to the provisions of Articles 9 and 21, any benefit that was not determined and paid or that was suspended by reason of the nationality of the interested person or by reason of his residence in the territory of a Contracting State other than that in which the institution responsible for payment is located shall, on application by the interested person, be determined and paid or reinstated from the coming into force of this Agreement.
2. The entitlement of interested persons who, prior to the coming into force of this Agreement, obtained payment of a pension or annuity may be revised upon application by those persons, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. In no case shall such a revision result in a reduction of the prior entitlement of interested persons.
3. If the application referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article is made within two years of the coming into force of this Agreement, any entitlement arising from the application of this Agreement shall be effective from that date, and the legislation of either Contracting State concerning the forfeiture or the prescription of rights shall not be applicable to such interested persons.
4. If the application referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article is made after the expiration of the two-year delay following the coming into force of this Agreement, the rights which are not subject to forfeiture or which are not prescribed shall be acquired from the date of application, unless more favourable legislative provisions of either Contracting State are applicable.