

ARTICLE 25

Exemptions or Reductions of Taxes or Charges or Fees

1. Any exemptions from or reduction of taxes, or charges or legal, consular or administrative fees, for which provision is made in the legislation of one Party in connection with the issuing of any certificate or document required to be produced for the application of that legislation shall be extended to certificates or documents required to be produced for the application of the legislation of the other Party.
2. Any acts or documents of an official nature required to be produced for the application of this Agreement shall be exempt from any authentication by diplomatic or consular authorities and similar formality.

ARTICLE 26

Language of Communication

For the application of this Agreement, the competent authorities and institutions of the Parties, and the liaison agencies, may communicate directly with one another in any of the official languages of either Party.

ARTICLE 27

Submitting Claims, Notices or Appeals

1. Any claim, notice or appeal concerning the determination or payment of a benefit under the legislation of a Party which should, for the purposes of that legislation, have been presented within a prescribed period to a competent institution of that Party, but which is presented within the same period to a competent institution of the other Party, shall be treated as if it had been presented to the competent institution of the first Party.
2. A claim for a benefit under the legislation of a Party shall be deemed to be a claim for the corresponding benefit under the legislation of the other Party, provided that the applicant requests in writing that it be considered a claim under the legislation of the other Party.
3. In any case to which paragraph 1 or 2 applies, the institution to which the claim, notice or appeal has been submitted shall transmit it as soon as possible to the competent institution of the other Party.