

- (b) for all or part of that period, the competent authority of Australia has paid to that person a benefit under the legislation of Australia; and
- (c) the amount of the Australian benefit would have been varied had the Canadian benefit been paid during that period,
- then
- (d) the amount that would not have been paid by the competent authority of Australia had the Canadian benefit been paid on a periodical basis from the date to which the arrears of benefit referred to in subparagraph (a) were paid shall be a debt due by that person to Australia; and
- (e) the competent authority of Australia may determine that the amount, or any part, of that debt may be deducted from future payments of a benefit to that person.

5. In paragraph 4, "benefit" means, in relation to Australia, a pension, benefit or allowance that is payable under the social security laws of Australia.

ARTICLE 15

Payment of Benefits

1. The payment outside Australia of an Australian benefit payable by virtue of this Agreement shall not be restricted by those provisions of the social security laws of Australia which prohibit the payment of a benefit to a former Australian resident who returns to Australia and lodges a claim for an Australian benefit and leaves Australia within 12 months of the date of that return.