

ARTICLE 24

Submitting Claims, Notices and Appeals

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 presented within a prescribed period to a competent authority, liaison agency or competent institution of that Party, but which are presented within the same period to a competent authority, liaison agency or competent institution of the other Party, shall be treated as if they had been presented to the competent authority, liaison agency or competent institution of the first Party. The date of presentation of claims, notices and appeals to the competent authority, liaison agency or competent institution of the other Party shall be deemed to be the date of their presentation to the competent authority, liaison agency or competent institution of the first Party.

2. Subject to the second sentence of this paragraph, a claim for benefit under the legislation of a Party made after the date of entry into force of this Agreement shall be deemed to be a claim for the corresponding benefit under the legislation of the other Party, provided that the applicant at the time of application:

- (a) requests that it be considered an application for a benefit under the legislation of the other Party, or
- (b) 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. In any case to which paragraph 1 or 2 applies, the competent authority, liaison agency or competent institution to which the claim, notice or appeal has been submitted shall transmit it without delay to the competent authority, liaison agency or competent institution of the other Party.