

Article XVIII

1. Any claim, notice or appeal concerning the determination or payment of a benefit under the legislation of one Party which should, for the purposes of that legislation, have been presented within a prescribed period to a competent authority or institution of that Party, but which is presented within the same period to a competent authority or institution of the other Party, shall be treated as if it had been presented to the authority or institution of the first Party.
2. A claim for a benefit under the legislation of one Party shall be deemed to be a claim for the corresponding benefit under the legislation of the other Party, provided that the applicant:
  - (a) requests that it be considered an application under the legislation of the other Party, or
  - (b) provides information at the time of application indicating that creditable periods have been completed under the legislation of the other Party.

However, the applicant may request that the claim to the benefit under the legislation of the other Party be deferred.

3. In any case to which paragraph 1 or 2 applies, the authority or institution to which the claim, notice or appeal has been submitted shall transmit it without delay to the authority or institution of the other Party.

Article XIX

1. (a) The competent institution of Canada shall discharge its obligations under this Agreement in the currency of Canada.