

4. For the purpose of determining eligibility for a benefit other than an old age pension under the legislation of the Republic of Poland, a calendar year which is a creditable period under the *Canada Pension Plan* shall be considered as 12 months which are creditable under the legislation of the Republic of Poland.

ARTICLE 12

Periods Under the Legislation of a Third State

If a person is not eligible for a benefit on the basis of the creditable periods under the legislation of the Parties, totalized as provided in Article 11, the eligibility of that person for that benefit shall be determined by totalizing these periods and creditable periods completed under the legislation of a third State with which both Parties are bound by social security instruments which provide for the totalizing of periods.

ARTICLE 13

Minimum Period to be Totalized

1. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, if the total duration of the creditable periods accumulated by a person under the legislation of a Party is less than one year and if, taking into account only those periods, no right to a benefit exists under the legislation of that Party, the competent institution of that Party shall not be required to pay a benefit to that person in respect of those periods by virtue of this Agreement.

2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1, these creditable periods shall, however, be taken into consideration by the competent institution of the other Party to determine eligibility for a benefit of that Party through the application of Chapter 1.