

PART V

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 26

Transitional Provisions

1. Any creditable period completed before the date of entry into force of this Agreement shall be taken into account for the purpose of determining the right to a benefit under this Agreement and its amount.
2. No provision of this Agreement shall confer any right to receive payment of a benefit for a period before the date of entry into force of this Agreement.
3. Subject to paragraph 2, a benefit, other than a lump sum payment, shall be paid under this Agreement in respect of events which happened before the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 27

Duration and Termination

1. This Agreement shall remain in force without any limitation on its duration. It may be terminated at any time by either Party by giving 12 months' notice in writing to the other Party.
2. In the event of termination of this Agreement according to paragraph 1 of this Article, the Agreement shall continue to have effect in relation to all persons who:
 - 1) at the date of termination are in receipt of benefits; or
 - 2) prior to the expiry of the period referred to in that paragraph, have lodged claims for, and would be eligible for benefits by virtue of this Agreement.