

**PART I**  
**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**ARTICLE 1**

**Definitions**

1. For the purposes of this Agreement:

“competent agency” means,

for Canada, the departments or agencies that are responsible for the application of the legislation of Canada; and

for the People’s Republic of China, the Social Insurance Administration of the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security or other bodies designated by that Ministry;

“competent authority” means,

for Canada, the Minister or Ministers that are responsible for the application of the legislation of Canada; and

for the People’s Republic of China, the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security;

“legislation” means,

for Canada, the laws and regulations specified in Article 2; and

for the People’s Republic of China, the laws, the administrative, ministerial, and local rules and regulations, and the other legal documents concerning the social insurance systems specified in Article 2.

2. A term not defined in this Article has the meaning assigned to it in the legislation of the respective Contracting States.