

2. The competent authority of either Contracting State may, however, require that the beneficiary of an invalidity pension obtain authorization from the competent institution before returning or transferring his residence to the territory of the other Contracting State.

3. Such authorization may not be refused unless such move by the interested person is not recommended for duly established medical reasons.

PART VI

Miscellaneous Provisions

ARTICLE 17

1. A general administrative arrangement agreed to by the competent authorities of two Contracting States shall set out, to the extent necessary, the conditions under which this Agreement will be applied.

2. In this administrative arrangement the two Contracting States will designate their liaison agencies.

3. The competent authorities and the institutions responsible for applying the Agreement:

- (a) shall define the procedures for mutual assistance and, as required, the procedures for the allocation of expenses associated with obtaining medical, administrative and other evidence required for the application of this Agreement;
- (b) shall communicate to each other information concerning the measures taken for the application of this Agreement;
- (c) shall directly communicate to each other, as soon as possible, information concerning all changes in their respective laws to the extent that these changes might affect the application of this Agreement or of the administrative arrangement.

4. Any information about an individual which is transmitted in accordance with this Agreement to one Contracting State by the other Contracting State is confidential and shall be used only for purposes of applying this Agreement and the legislation to which this Agreement applies and for no other purpose.

ARTICLE 18

1. For the application of this Agreement, the administrative authorities and the competent institutions of both Contracting States shall lend each other their good offices as they would for the application of their own legislation. In principle, this assistance shall be provided free of charge; however, the competent authorities may agree on the reimbursement of some expenses.