

ARTICLE 20

The transmission of any information about an individual or any business or industrial secret made in accordance with this Agreement, or in accordance with any arrangement for the implementation of this Agreement, shall be governed by the respective national laws concerning the protection of data. Unless disclosure is required under the laws of a Contracting State, such information shall be treated as confidential by the recipient and shall be used only for purposes of implementing this Agreement and the legislation to which this Agreement applies.

CHAPTER 2

Implementation of the Agreement

ARTICLE 21

(1) The governments or competent authorities of the Contracting States may conclude Implementing Arrangements (Durchführungsvereinbarungen) which will establish the conditions and administrative procedures required to implement this Agreement. The competent authorities shall keep each other informed about any amendments or additions to their legislation.

(2) The liaison agencies of the Contracting States shall be designated in an Implementing Arrangement.

ARTICLE 22

Cash benefits may be validly paid by an institution of one Contracting State to a person staying in the territory of the other Contracting State in the currency of either Contracting State. If remittance is made in the currency of the other Contracting State, the conversion rate shall be the rate of exchange in effect on the day when the remittance is made.

ARTICLE 23

(1) Disputes between the two Contracting States regarding the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall, as far as possible, be resolved by the competent authorities.

(2) If a dispute cannot be resolved by the competent authorities, it shall be submitted to a joint ad hoc commission.