

Article 21

1. For the application of this Convention, the competent authorities and institutions of the two States may correspond directly with each other in one of their official languages and with any person regardless of their place of residence.
2. An application or document may not be rejected because it is written in an official language of the other State.
3. The decisions of an agency or a tribunal which, under the legislation of a State, require personal delivery to an applicant may be transmitted directly by registered letter to an applicant who resides in the territory of the other State.

Article 22

A claim for a benefit under the legislation of one State presented after the entry into force of this Convention, shall be deemed to be a claim for the corresponding benefit under the legislation of the other State, provided that the applicant:

- a) requests that it be considered an application under the legislation of the other State,
- or
- b) provides information at the time of application indicating that creditable periods or periods of insurance have been completed under the legislation of the other State.

The date of receipt of such an application shall be presumed to be the date on which this application has been received under the legislation of the first State. However, the applicant may request that the payment of benefits under the legislation of the other State be deferred.