

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT

IMPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

AUSTRALIA AND MALTA

ON SOCIAL SECURITY

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In accordance with Article 15 of the Agreement on Social Security between Australia and Malta, signed on 15 August 1990, the Competent Authorities hereby make the Administrative Arrangement as set out in the following paragraphs in order to implement that Agreement.

Definitions

1. In this Arrangement:

"Agreement" means the Agreement on Social Security between Australia and Malta signed on 15 August 1990 and includes any amendments made subsequent to that date;

"liaison agency" means:

- (i) in relation to Australia, the International Operations Branch of the Department of Social Security in Hobart; and
- (ii) in relation to Malta, the Department of Social Security.

2. A term defined in the Agreement will, when used in this Arrangement, have the same meaning as in the Agreement.

Communications Between Competent Institutions

3. Communications concerning the operation of the Agreement and of this Arrangement will be sent to and from, as the case requires, the appropriate liaison agency.

Preparation of Forms and Documents

4. Forms and any other documents required for the implementation of the Agreement or this Arrangement will be prepared by each Competent Institution following full consultations with the other.

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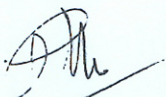
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5. Claims for benefits, appeals and any related documents and any notification or other communication by a person to a Competent Institution of one country while the person is in the other country will be received at any office of the Competent Institution of the other country.

Processing of Claims

6. A claim that is lodged with the Competent Institution of one country for a benefit under the legislation of the other country will be dealt with as follows:
- (a) the Competent Institution receiving the claim will:
 - (i) stamp the claim form with the date of receipt;
 - (ii) verify the claimant's identity, validate the personal details contained in the claim form on the basis of the documents supplied by the claimant, and, where required, make certified copies of original documents; and
 - (iii) if entitlement to benefit is dependent on the invalidity, incapacity for work or blindness of the claimant, make certified copies of any documents as are available regarding the claimant's medical condition;
 - (b) the liaison agency of the receiving Competent Institution will:
 - (i) record receipt of the claim;
 - (ii) complete a liaison form in respect of that claim; and
 - (iii) send the claim form, original or certified copies of documents necessary to establish the claim and the liaison form to the liaison agency in the other country as soon as possible.

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7. A Competent Institution which makes a determination of a benefit by virtue of the Agreement or otherwise will inform the other Competent Institution of that determination on a liaison form.
8. A Competent Institution receiving an appeal, any related documents, notification or other communication under paragraph 5 will, as soon as practicable, forward them to the liaison authority of the other Competent Institution.

Medical Examinations

9. If the Competent Institution of one country requests the Competent Institution of the other country to arrange for a medical examination of a person who resides in the territory of the latter in regard to a benefit or entitlement payable to or claimed by that person under the social security laws of the former by virtue of the Agreement or otherwise, the latter Competent Institution will make arrangements for that examination to be carried out as soon as practicable and will meet the costs of that examination including associated travel and accommodation costs.
10. The report on the medical examination arranged in accordance with paragraph 9 will be forwarded as soon as possible to the liaison agency of the Competent Institution which requested it.

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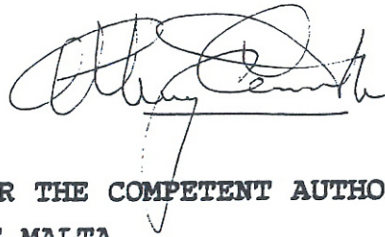
Date of Commencement

15. This Arrangement will take effect on the same day as the Agreement and will operate for the duration of the Agreement.

SIGNED in duplicate at Valletta this *Eleventh* day of January 1991.



FOR THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY
OF AUSTRALIA



FOR THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY
OF MALTA