

**ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT
FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT
ON SOCIAL SECURITY BETWEEN
THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

The competent authorities of the Republic of India and the Republic of Korea,

In conformity with paragraph 1 of Article 15 of the Agreement on Social Security between the Republic of India (hereinafter referred to as "India") and the Republic of Korea (hereinafter referred to as "Korea") signed at Seoul on 19th day of October 2010 (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement"),

Have agreed as follows:

PART I

General Provisions

Article 1

Definitions

The terms used in this Administrative Arrangement shall have the same meaning as in the Agreement.

Article 2

Liaison Agencies

1. The liaison agencies referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 15 of the Agreement shall be:

- (a) for Korea, the National Pension Service,
- (b) for India, the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation.

2. The liaison agencies shall agree upon the joint procedures and forms necessary for the implementation of the Agreement and this Administrative Arrangement.

PART II

Provisions on Coverage

Article 3

Certificate of Coverage

Where the legislation of one Contracting State is applicable in accordance with any of the provisions of Part II of the Agreement, the agency of that Contracting State shall issue upon request of the employer a certificate stating that the employee is subject to the legislation of that Contracting State and indicating the duration for which the certificate shall be valid. Based on this certificate the employee is exempt from the legislation on compulsory coverage of the other Contracting State.

PART III

Provisions on Benefits

Article 4

Processing a Claim

1. If the agency of a Contracting State receives a claim for a benefit under the legislation of the other Contracting State, it shall send the claim to the agency of the other Contracting State, indicating the date on which the claim has been received.
2. Along with the claim, the agency of the first Contracting State shall also transmit any documentation available to it which may be necessary for the agency of the other Contracting State to establish the claimant's eligibility for the benefit.

3. The personal information regarding a claimant and his/her family members contained in the claim shall be verified by the agency of the first Contracting State, which shall confirm that the information is corroborated by documentary evidence.
4. In addition to the claim and documentation referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2, the agency of the first Contracting State shall send to the agency of the other Contracting State a liaison form which shall indicate the creditable periods of coverage under the legislation of the first Contracting State.
5. The agency of the other Contracting State shall subsequently determine the claimant's eligibility and inform the claimant and the agency of the first Contracting State of its decision.

Article 5

Payment of Benefits

The agencies shall pay benefits directly to the entitled beneficiaries.

PART IV

Miscellaneous Provisions

Article 6

Administrative Assistance

1. Where administrative assistance is requested under paragraph 1 of Article 16 of the Agreement, regular personnel and operating costs of the agency providing the assistance shall be provided free of charge. Reimbursement may be sought for other costs, except as may be agreed to by the competent authorities or agencies of both Contracting States. In case of being requested administrative assistance from the agency of the other Contracting State that would not be free of charge, the agency of a Contracting State shall inform the agency of the other Contracting State that the requested assistance will not be free of charge and shall only

provide such assistance if the agencies of both Contracting States agree upon the time and the manner of reimbursing the costs.

2. The agency of a Contracting State shall provide, upon request, without cost, to the agency of the other Contracting State any medical information and documentation in its possession relevant to the disability of a claimant or beneficiary.
3. If the agency of a Contracting State requires that a claimant or beneficiary who resides or stays in the territory of the other Contracting State undergo a medical examination, the agency of the other Contracting State, at the request of the agency of the first Contracting State, shall make arrangements for carrying out this examination in accordance with its rules and at the expense of the agency which requests the examination.
4. The agency of a Contracting State shall, without delay, reimburse amounts owed under paragraph 1 or 3 of this Article upon presentation of a detailed statement of expenses by the agency of the other Contracting State.
5. The agency of each Contracting State shall supply to the agency of the other Contracting State a list of events affecting relevant beneficiaries, including death, change of address and change of marital status. The detailed procedures shall be determined between the agencies.

Article 7

Exchange of Statistics

The agencies of the Contracting States shall exchange statistics on an annual basis regarding the number of certificates which each has issued under Article 3 of this Administrative Arrangement and the payments which each has made under the Agreement. These statistics shall include data on the number of beneficiaries and the total amount of benefits paid for each category of benefit. These statistics shall be furnished in a form to be agreed upon by the agencies.

Article 8
Entry into Force

This Administrative Arrangement shall take effect on the date of entry into force of the Agreement and shall have the same period of duration.

Done at Seoul on 25th day of July, 2011, in two originals each in the Korean, Hindi and English languages, all texts being equally authentic.

In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.



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