

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

The competent authorities of the Republic of Korea and the Kingdom of Belgium,

In conformity with Article 19 of the Agreement on Social Security between the Republic of Korea and the Kingdom of Belgium, signed at Brussels on July 5, 2005,

Have agreed as follows:

PART I GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 Definitions

1. For the purpose of this Administrative Arrangement, "Agreement" means the Agreement on Social Security between the Republic of Korea and the Kingdom of Belgium signed at Brussels on July 5, 2005.
2. The terms used in this Administrative Arrangement shall have the same meaning that is assigned to them in Article 1 of the Agreement.

Article 2 Liaison and competent agencies

1. For the implementation of the Agreement, the following liaison agencies are designated:
 - a) As regards Korea:

The National Pension Service
 - b) As regards Belgium:
 - (i) Old-age and survivors pensions:
 - National Pension Office
 - National Social Insurance Institute for the Self-Employed;
 - (ii) Invalidity pensions:
 - general invalidity:

National Sickness and Invalidity Insurance Institute
 - invalidity of mariners:

Relief and Welfare Fund for Mariners;
2. For the implementation of the Agreement, the following competent agencies are designated:
 - a) As regards Korea:

The National Pension Service
 - b) As regards Belgium:
 - (i) Old-age and survivors pensions:
 - National Pension Office
 - National Social Insurance Institute for the Self-Employed;
 - (ii) Invalidity pensions:
 - general invalidity:

National Sickness and Invalidity Insurance Institute, along with the insurance agency the salaried or the self-employed person is or has been affiliated to:

- invalidity of mariners:
Relief and Welfare Fund for Mariners;

3. The liaison agencies referred to in paragraph 1, as far as Belgium is concerned with the consent of the competent authorities, shall agree upon the joint procedures and forms necessary for the implementation of the Agreement and this Administrative Arrangement.

PART II PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Article 3 Certificate of Coverage

1. 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 designated in paragraph 2 of this Article shall issue upon request of the employer a certificate stating that the employee is subject to the legislation and indicating the duration for which the certificate shall be valid. This certificate shall be proof that the employee is exempt from the legislation on compulsory coverage of the other Contracting State.
2. The certificate described in paragraph 1 of this Article will be issued:
 - a) As regards Korea, by The National Pension Service
 - b) As regards Belgium,
 - to apply Articles 8, 9 and 10 of the Agreement, for individual employed persons, by the National Social Security Office;
 - to apply Article 10 for certain categories of insured employees, by

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3. The agency of a Contracting State which issues the certificate referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall furnish a copy of the certificate to the employee in question and/or the employer of the employee, and to the agency of the other Contracting State specified in paragraph 2 of this Article.
4. The competent agencies of both Contracting States can decide in common agreement to nullify the issued certificate.
5. If a Korean resident is, by virtue of Article 7 of the Agreement, subject to the Belgian social security for self employed persons, the National Social Insurance Institute for the Self-Employed will, at request of the person concerned, deliver a certificate stating that he is submitted to the aforesaid legislation.

Article 4 Communication about the income of the self-employed

When the legislation of a Contracting State is applicable, by virtue of paragraph 3 of Article 7 of the Agreement, to a self-employed person for a professional activity exercised in the territory of the other Contracting State in respect of a certain year, the National Pension Service of Korea and the National Social Insurance Institute for the Self-Employed of Belgium will, to the extent permitted by the legislation it administers and on the request of the first Contracting State, communicate each other any available information which may be useful to determine or to verify the amount of professional income produced

by this activity in respect of that year. As regards Belgium, in anticipation of the communication of the information, the competent agency may receive, as a provision, a contribution which amount is determined by the competent authorities.

PART III PROVISIONS ON PENSIONS

Article 5 Processing an Application

1. The competent agency of a Contracting State which receives an application for a pension payable under the legislation of the other Contracting State shall, by means of a form, send the application to the liaison agency of the other Contracting State in accordance with Article 21 of the Agreement with all available documentary evidence and information that the competent agency of the latter Contracting State may require to establish the applicant's entitlement to the pension concerned.
2. The liaison agencies of both Contracting States shall, without delay, exchange all evidence and available information as needed, to finalize the application by means of a liaison form.
3. Data concerning the civil state as required by the application form shall be made duly authentic by the liaison agency, which shall confirm that the data are corroborated by original documents.
4. Where the competent agency of a Contracting State shall determine the applicant's entitlement to any pension, it shall inform its own

decision, by sending a copy of a statement of determination, to the liaison agency of the other Contracting State by means of a liaison form.

5. When the liaison agency of a Contracting State knows that a beneficiary of invalidity, retirement or survivor's pension under the legislation of the other Contracting State, who stays in the territory of the former Contracting State, or his spouse, has not entirely stopped all professional activities or has effectively engaged in such activities, it shall, without delay, inform all available information concerning the nature of the work performed and the amount of profits of resources the person concerned or his spouse benefits or has benefited from.
6. The liaison agencies of both Contracting States will inform each other upon the death of a mutual beneficiary and/or of the beneficiary's partner.

Article 6 Totalization of Insurance Periods

1. As regards self-employed persons, in determining eligibility for pensions under the Agreement, the competent agency of Korea shall credit three months of coverage for every quarter of coverage certified by the competent agency of Belgium. However, no month of coverage shall be credited for any month already credited as a month of coverage under Korean legislation. The total number of months of coverage in any one year shall not exceed twelve.

2. As regards self-employed persons, in determining eligibility for pensions under the Agreement, the competent agency of Belgium shall credit one quarter of coverage for every three months of coverage certified by the competent agency of Korea. However, no quarter of coverage shall be credited for any calendar quarter already credited as a quarter of coverage under Belgium legislation. The total number of quarters of coverage in any one year shall not exceed four.

PART IV MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Article 7 Administrative and Medical Assistance

1. The liaison agency of one of the Contracting States shall, when requested, provide without cost to the liaison agency of the other Contracting State any medical information and documentation in possession relevant to the invalidity of the applicant or beneficiary.
2. Where the competent agency of a Contracting State requires that an applicant or a beneficiary, who stays or resides in the territory of the other Contracting State, for pensions under the Agreement submit to a medical examination, such examination, if requested by that competent agency, shall be arranged by the competent agency of the other Contracting State in accordance with the rules of the competent agency making the arrangements and at the expense of the competent agency which requests the examination. Still, the competent agency reserves the option to proceed to an examination of the beneficiary by a practitioner of its choice.

3. The competent agency of a Contracting State shall, without delay, reimburse amounts owed under paragraph 2 of this Article upon presentation of a detailed statement of expenses by the competent agency of the other Contracting State.

Article 8 Exchange of Statistics

The liaison agencies of the Contracting States shall exchange annual statistics as of 31 December on the number of certificates issued under Article 3 of this Administrative Arrangement and on the number of payments as well as on the amount of the pensions, identified by the pension type, paid under the Agreement. These statistics shall be provided in a way to be agreed upon by the liaison agencies.

Article 9 Entry into Force

This Administrative Arrangement shall enter into force on the same date as the Agreement and shall have the same duration as the Agreement.

Done in duplicate at on the ofin English, Korean, Dutch and French, each text being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text will prevail.

For the competent authority
of the Republic of Korea

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