

**ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT
FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
ON SOCIAL SECURITY**

The Competent Authority of Australia and

the Competent Authority of the United States of America,

In conformity with Article 12, paragraph (a), of the Agreement between Australia and the United States of America on Social Security of this date, hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement", have agreed as follows:

CHAPTER I

General Provisions

Article 1

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

Article 2

1. The liaison agencies referred to in Article 12, paragraph (a), of the Agreement shall be:
 - (a) for the United States, the Social Security Administration,
 - (b) for Australia, Centrelink, except in relation to the application of Part II of the Agreement (including the application of other Parts of the Agreement as they affect the application of that Part) where it means the Australian Taxation Office.
2. The liaison agencies designated in paragraph 1 shall agree upon the joint procedures and forms necessary for the implementation of the Agreement and this Administrative Arrangement.

CHAPTER II

Provisions on Coverage

Article 3

1. Where the laws of a Party are applicable in accordance with any of the provisions of Article 6 of the Agreement, the Agency of that Party, upon request of the employer or self-employed person, shall, in circumstances agreed upon by the Parties, issue a certificate stating that the employee, or the employer with respect to that employee, or self-employed person is subject to those laws and indicating the duration for which the certificate shall be valid. This certificate shall be proof that the named worker and the employer in respect of the named worker are exempt from the laws on compulsory coverage of the other Party.
2. The certificate referred to in paragraph 1 shall be issued:
 - (a) in the United States, by the Social Security Administration; and
 - (b) in Australia, by the Commissioner of Taxation or an authorised representative of the Commissioner.
3. The Agency of a Party which issues a certificate referred to in paragraph 1 shall furnish a copy of the certificate or agreed details of the certificate to the liaison agency of the other Party as needed by the latter Agency.

CHAPTER III

Provisions on Benefits

Article 4

1. Applications for benefits under the Agreement shall be submitted on forms to be agreed upon by the liaison agencies of the two Parties.
2. The Agency of the Party with which an application for benefits is first filed in accordance with Article 16 of the Agreement shall provide the liaison agency of the other Party with such evidence and other information as may be required to complete action on the claim.
3. The Agency of a Party which receives an application that was first filed with an Agency of the other Party shall without delay provide the liaison agency of that Party with such

evidence and other available information as may be required for it to complete action on the claim.

4. The Agency of the Party with which an application for benefits has been filed shall verify the information pertaining to the applicant and the applicant's family members. The types of information to be verified shall be agreed upon by the liaison agencies of both Parties.

CHAPTER IV

Miscellaneous Provisions

Article 5

In accordance with measures to be agreed upon pursuant to Article 2, paragraph 2, of this Administrative Arrangement, the Agency of one Party shall, upon request of the Agency of the other Party, furnish available information relating to the claim of any specified individual for the purpose of administering the Agreement.

Article 6

The liaison agencies of the two Parties shall exchange statistics on the number of certificates issued under Article 3 of this Administrative Arrangement and on the payments made to beneficiaries under the Agreement. These statistics shall be furnished annually in a form to be agreed upon.

Article 7

1. Where administrative assistance is requested under Article 13 of the Agreement, expenses other than regular personnel and operating costs of the Agency providing the assistance shall be reimbursed, except as may be agreed to by the Competent Authorities or liaison agencies of the Parties.
2. Upon request, the liaison agency of either Party shall furnish without cost to the liaison agency of the other Party any medical information and documentation in its possession relevant to the disability of the claimant or beneficiary.
3. Where the Agency of a Party requires that a person in the territory of the other Party who is receiving or applying for benefits under the Agreement submit to a medical examination, such examination, if requested by that Agency, shall be arranged by the liaison agency of the other Party in accordance with the rules of the Agency making the arrangements and at the expense of the Agency which requests the examination.

4. The liaison agency of one Party shall reimburse amounts owed under paragraph 1 or 3 of this Article upon presentation of a statement of expenses by the liaison agency of the other Party.

Article 8

This Administrative Arrangement shall enter into force on the date of entry into force of the Agreement and shall have the same period of validity.

DONE in duplicate at Canberra this twenty seventh day of September 2001.

For the Competent Authority of Australia:

For the Competent Authority of
the United States of America: