

# **ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL SECURITY BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM AND THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA**

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Pursuant to article 34 of the Agreement on social security between the Kingdom of Belgium and the Republic of Albania, the competent Belgian and Albanese authorities have by common accord adopted the following provisions:

## **PART I - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **Article 1**

#### **Definitions**

1. For the implementation of this Arrangement:
  - a) the term "Agreement" means the Agreement on social security between the Kingdom of Belgium and the Republic of Albania, signed in Brussels on 9 December 2013;
  - b) the term "Arrangement" means the Administrative Arrangement concerning the implementation of the Agreement on social security between the Kingdom of Belgium and the Republic of Albania.
2. The terms used in this Arrangement shall have the same meaning that is assigned to them in Article 1 of the Agreement.

### **Article 2**

#### **Liaison agencies**

Pursuant to article 34 of the Agreement, the liaison agencies shall be:

#### **In Belgium:**

##### **1. Sickness, maternity**

- (1) in general: National institute for health and disability insurance, Brussels;
- (2) for seafarers: Relief and provident fund for seafarers, Antwerp.

##### **2. Invalidity**

- (1) in general: National institute for health and disability insurance, Brussels;
- (2) for seafarers: Relief and provident fund for seafarers, Antwerp.

##### **3. Old age, survivors**

- (1) for employed persons: National pension office, Brussels;
- (2) for self-employed persons: National institute for the social security of the self-employed, Brussels.

#### **4. Accidents at work**

Fund for accidents at work, Brussels.

#### **5. Occupational diseases**

Fund for occupational diseases, Brussels.

#### In Albania:

1. Cash benefits regarding old-age, invalidity and survivors pensions, sickness, maternity, work accidents and occupational diseases: the Social Insurance Institute, Tirana
2. Benefits in kind: the Compulsory Health Care Insurance Fund, Tirana.

### **Article 3** **Competent agencies**

Pursuant to article 34 of the Agreement, the competent agencies shall be:

#### In Belgium:

##### **1. Sickness, maternity**

- (1) for the granting of benefits:
  - a) in general: the insurance institutions the employed or self-employed person is affiliated with;
  - b) for seafarers: Relief and provident fund for seafarers, Antwerp;
- (2) financial provisions: National institute for health and disability insurance, Brussels, on behalf of the insurance institutions or the Relief and provident fund for seafarers.

##### **2. Invalidity**

- (1) in general: National institute for health and disability insurance, Brussels, along with the insurance institution the employed or the self-employed person is or has been affiliated with;
- (2) for seafarers: Relief and provident fund for seafarers, Antwerp.

##### **3. Old age, survivors**

- (1) for employed persons: National pension office, Brussels;
- (2) for self-employed persons: National institute for the social security of the self-employed, Brussels.

##### **4. Accidents at work**

- (1) accidents that occurred since 1 January 1988:
  - a) in general: the insurance company the employer is insured or affiliated with;
  - b) payment of allowances and pensions related to a permanent incapacity of up to and including 19%: Fund for accidents at work, Brussels;
- (2) accidents that occurred before 1 January 1988:
  - a) in general: the insurance company the employer is insured with;

- b) payment of complements to pensions or pensions related to a permanent incapacity of less than 10%: Fund for accidents at work, Brussels;
  - c) payment of benefits in kind after the review period: Fund for accidents at work, Brussels;
- (3) scheme for seafarers, scheme for fishermen and cases of non-insurance: Fund for accidents at work, Brussels.

#### **5. Occupational diseases**

Fund for occupational diseases, Brussels.

#### In Albania:

1. Cash benefits regarding old-age, invalidity and survivors pensions, sickness, maternity, work accidents and occupational diseases: the Social Insurance Institute, Tirana
2. Benefits in kind: the Compulsory Health Care Insurance Fund, Tirana.

### **Article 4**

#### **Agencies of the place of residence and agencies of the place of stay**

Pursuant to article 34 of the Agreement, the agencies of the place of residence and the agencies of the place of stay shall be:

#### In Belgium:

##### A. Agencies of the place of residence

###### **1. Sickness, maternity**

- (1) in general: insurance institutions;
- (2) for seafarers: Relief and provident fund for seafarers, Antwerp or insurance institutions.

###### **2. Accidents at work (benefits in kind)**

Insurance institutions.

###### **3. Occupational diseases (benefits in kind)**

Fund for occupational diseases, Brussels.

##### B. Agencies of the place of stay

###### **1. Sickness, maternity**

National institute for health and disability insurance, Brussels, through the insurance institutions.

###### **2. Accidents at work**

National institute for health and disability insurance, Brussels, through the insurance institutions.

### **3. Occupational diseases**

Fund for occupational diseases, Brussels.

#### In Albania:

1. Cash benefits regarding old-age, invalidity and survivors pensions, sickness, maternity, work accidents and occupational diseases: the Social Insurance Institute, Tirana
2. Benefits in kind: the Compulsory Health Care Insurance Fund, Tirana.

## **PART II – PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPLICABLE LEGISLATION**

### **Article 5**

#### **Certificate of coverage**

1. In the cases specified in Article 7 paragraphs 3 and 4, and Articles 8 to 11 of the Agreement, the agency of the contracting State of which the legislation applies, as designated in paragraph 2 of this Article, shall, at the request of the employer, the employed person, the civil servant or the self-employed person, hand a certificate to the employed person, the civil servant or the self-employed person stating that this legislation further applies to the person mentioned in it and until which date.

2. The certificate mentioned in paragraph 1 of this article shall be issued:

When the Belgian legislation applies:

- (1) with regard to paragraph 3 of Article 7 of the Agreement, by: the National institute for social security of the self-employed, Brussels
- (2) with regard to paragraph 4 of Article 7 and Articles 8, 9 and 10 of the Agreement, by: the National social security office, Brussels;
- (3) with regard to article 11 of the Agreement:
  - for individual employed persons, by: the National social security office, Brussels;
  - for certain categories of employed persons, by: the Federal Public Service Social Security, Directorate General Strategy & Research, Brussels;
  - for self-employed persons, by: the Federal Public Service Social Security, Directorate General Self-employed persons, Brussels.

When the Albanian legislation applies:

With regards to paragraphs 3 and 4 of article 7 and articles 8 to 11 of the Agreement, by: Social Insurance Institute, Tirana;

3. The original of the certificate mentioned in paragraph 1 of this article is handed to the employed person, the civil servant or the self-employed person; it must be in his possession during the entire period mentioned on it, in order to prove his coverage situation in the host country.

4. A copy of the certificate issued by the competent agency of Albania pursuant to paragraph 1 of this article, is sent to the National social security office in Brussels, as regards employed persons and civil servants, and to the National institute for the social security of the self-employed in Brussels, as regards self-employed persons. Likewise, a copy of the certificate issued by the competent agency of Belgium is sent to the Social Insurance Institute, Tirana .
5. The competent agency that has issued the certificate may decide to revoke the certificate. In such case, it shall inform the competent agency of the other contracting State of this.
6. When, pursuant to article 7, paragraph 3 of the Agreement, the legislation of a contracting State applies to a self-employed person as regards a professional activity that he exercised in the territory of the other contracting State during a given year, the agency of the other contracting State, designated in paragraph 7 of this article, shall provide to the corresponding agency of the first contracting State any information available that could be used for determining or verifying the amount of professional income that the self-employed person earned from the activity during the said year. Until the information is provided, the agency of the contracting State of which the legislation is applicable may receive, on a provisional basis, a contribution the amount of which is set by the competent agency of that contracting State.
7. The competent agencies for the purposes of paragraph 6 of this article are:  
  
in Belgium: the National institute for the social security of the self-employed, Brussels;  
  
in Albania: the Social Insurance Institute, Tirana.

### **PART III - PARTICULAR PROVISIONS CONCERNING BENEFITS**

#### **CHAPTER 1 SICKNESS AND MATERNITY**

##### **Article 6 Aggregation of periods of insurance**

1. To benefit from the provisions of article 12 of the Agreement, the interested person is required to submit to the competent agency a certificate indicating the periods of insurance completed under the legislation of the contracting State to which that person was last subject.

The certificate shall be issued at the request of the interested person:

in Belgium: by the insurance institution to which the person was last affiliated;

in Albania: by the Social Insurance Institute.

2. If the interested person does not submit the certificate, the competent agency shall contact the competent agency of the contracting State to whose legislation the interested person was last subject to obtain the certificate, or the liaison agency in case the competent agency is unknown.

#### **Article 7**

##### **Benefits in kind in case of stay in the territory of the other contracting State**

1. To receive benefits under articles 13, 15 and 21 paragraph 1 of the Agreement, the interested person is required to submit to the agency of the place of stay a certificate indicating that the person is entitled to the benefits in kind. The certificate shall be issued by the competent agency at the request of the interested person before the person leaves the territory of the contracting State in which the person resides. If the interested person does not submit the said certificate, the agency of the place of stay shall contact the competent agency to obtain the certificate.  
The certificate issued shall indicate the maximum duration of the benefits in kind, as provided for in the legislation of the competent State.
2. If, due to absolute urgency, benefits in kind mentioned in the list of prostheses, major appliances and other substantial benefits in kind, determined by common accord between the competent authorities, had to be granted, the agency of the place of stay shall forthwith notify the competent agency of this. This list is joined in annex to this Arrangement.
3. In the case of hospitalisation, the agency of the place of stay shall notify the competent agency, as soon as it becomes aware of the hospitalisation, of the date of entry into hospital, the probable duration of hospitalisation and the probable date of leaving hospital.
4. Paragraphs 2 and 3 of this article are not applicable in case of a reimbursement waiver agreement or an agreement for lump-sum reimbursement between agencies concluded by the competent authorities of the contracting States.

#### **Article 8**

##### **Benefits in kind in case of residence in the territory of the other contracting State**

1. To receive benefits in kind under article 14 and under paragraph 2 of article 16 of the Agreement, the interested person and his family members must register with the agency of the place of residence, by submitting a certificate indicating that they are entitled to those benefits. The certificate shall be issued by the competent agency. If the interested person or the members of the person's family do not submit the certificate, the agency of the place of residence shall contact the competent agency to obtain the certificate.

2. The certificate referred to in paragraph 1 of this article remains valid as long as the agency of the place of residence has not received notice of the date on which the certificate expires.
3. The agency of the place of residence shall inform the competent agency of every registration effected in accordance with the provisions in paragraph 1 of this article.
4. At the time of submission of any claim for benefits in kind, the interested person shall submit the supporting documents required under the legislation of the contracting State in whose territory the person resides.
5. The interested person or the members of the person's family are required to notify the agency of the place of residence of any change in their situation likely to affect the entitlement to benefits in kind, in particular any abandonment or change of employment or professional activity of the interested person or any transfer of residence of the person or member of the person's family. The agency of the place of residence will send any information received from the interested person or his family members to the competent agency. The competent agency shall also inform the agency of the place of residence of the cessation of affiliation or the end of entitlement to benefits of the interested person. The agency of the place of residence may, at any time, ask the competent agency to provide any information on the affiliation or entitlement to benefits of the interested person.

#### **Article 9**

#### **Reimbursement of the costs incurred during a stay in case of non-completion of the required formalities**

1. If the formalities referred to in paragraph 1 of article 7 of the Administrative Arrangement could not be completed in the Belgian or the Albanian territory, the costs incurred shall be reimbursed at the request of the interested person, by the competent agency, at the reimbursement rates the agency of the place of stay applies. The agency of the place of stay is required to provide the necessary indications with regard to these rates to the competent agency that asks for this information.
2. By way of derogation from paragraph 1 and with the consent of the person concerned, the competent agency shall reimburse the costs incurred, at the reimbursement rates it applies, at the conditions that the reimbursement rates allow reimbursement and that these costs are not higher than 500 EUR. The amount of the reimbursement shall never exceed the amount of the costs incurred.
3. The competent authorities may, by common accord and exchange of letters, modify the amount referred to in paragraph 2 of this article.

**Article 10**  
**Reimbursement between agencies**

1. The reimbursement of benefits in kind provided by the body of the place of stay or residence under articles 13 to 16 and under article 21 paragraph 1 of the Agreement shall be made by the competent agency on the basis of the actual expenses taking into account the supporting documents submitted.
2. The reimbursement referred to in paragraph 1 of this article shall be made for each calendar year, in the twelve months that follow the introduction of the claims.

**Article 11**  
**Cash benefits in case of stay or in case of residence in the territory of the other contracting State**

1. In order to draw cash benefits under paragraph 1 of article 21 of the Agreement, the interested person shall, within three working days, notify his incapacity for work to the body of the place of stay or residence, by submitting a certificate of incapacity for work issued by the doctor treating the interested person. The interested person is also required to notify his address in the contracting State of stay or residence, as well as the name and the address of the competent agency.
2. The agency of the place of stay or residence shall, as soon as possible and in any event within three working days following the date on which the interested person applied to it, have the interested person medically examined as if he were insured with that institution.  
The report of the examining doctor shall indicate, in particular, the probable duration of the incapacity for work, and shall be forwarded to the competent agency by the agency of the place of stay or residence within three working days following the date of the examination.
3. The agency of the place of stay or residence shall subsequently carry out any necessary administrative checks or medical examinations of the interested person as if he were insured with that institution and shall notify the results to the competent agency. The competent agency retains the right to have the interested person examined by a doctor of its own choice, at its own expenses.
4. As soon as the agency of the place of stay or residence establishes that the interested person is fit to resume work, it shall forthwith notify the interested person and the competent agency thereof, stating the date on which the interested person's incapacity ceased.  
Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 5 of this article, the notification to the interested person shall be treated as a decision taken on behalf of the competent agency.
5. If the competent agency itself decides that the interested person is fit to resume work, it shall notify the interested person of its decision and shall simultaneously send a copy of such decision to the agency of the place of stay or residence. If, in

such case, two different dates for the end of the incapacity for work are appointed by the agency of the place of stay or residence and by the competent agency respectively, the date appointed by the competent agency shall prevail.

6. If the competent agency decides to withhold the cash benefits because the interested person has not complied with the control rules, it shall notify the interested person of its decision and shall simultaneously send a copy of such decision to the institution of the place of stay or residence.
7. When the interested person resumes work, he shall notify the competent agency accordingly, if such notification is required by the legislation administered by that agency.
8. In the case of transfer of the residence of a person eligible for the cash benefits referred to in article 21 of the Agreement, the administrative and medical control is carried out by the agency of the place of residence at the request of the competent agency.

## **CHAPTER 2**

### **ACCIDENTS AT WORK AND OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES**

#### **Article 12**

##### **Benefits in kind in case of stay in the territory of the other contracting State**

To receive benefits in kind in case of stay under article 22 of the Agreement, the interested person is required to submit to the agency of the place of stay a certificate indicating that the person is entitled to benefits in kind. The certificate shall be issued by the competent agency at the request of the interested person before that person leaves the territory of the contracting State where he resides. If the interested person does not submit the said certificate, the agency of the place of stay shall contact the competent agency to obtain the certificate.

The certificate issued shall indicate in particular the maximum duration of the award of benefits in kind, as provided for in the legislation of the competent State.

#### **Article 13**

##### **Benefits in kind in case of residence in the territory of the other contracting State**

1. To receive benefits in kind in case of residence under article 22 of the Agreement, the interested person is required to be registered with the agency of the place of residence, by submitting a certificate indicating that he is entitled to the benefits. The certificate shall be issued by the competent agency. If the interested person does not submit the said certificate, the agency of the place of residence shall contact the competent agency to obtain the certificate.
2. The certificate referred to in paragraph 1 of this article shall remain valid as long as the agency of the place of residence has not been notified of its cancellation.

3. The agency of the place of residence shall inform the competent agency of every registration effected in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 of this article.
4. At the time of registration or submission of any claim for benefits in kind, the interested person shall submit the supporting documents required under the legislation of the contracting State in whose territory the person resides.
5. In the case of hospitalisation, the agency of the place of residence shall notify the competent agency, as soon as it becomes aware of the hospitalisation, of the date of entry into hospital, the probable duration of hospitalisation and the probable date of leaving hospital.
6. The interested person is required to notify the agency of the place of residence of any change in his situation likely to affect entitlement to benefits in kind, in particular any abandonment or change of employment or professional activity of the interested person or any transfer of residence of the interested person or of a member of his family. The agency of the place of residence will send any information received from the interested person to the competent agency. The competent agency shall also inform the agency of the place of residence of the cessation of affiliation or the end of entitlement to benefits of the interested person. The agency of the place of residence may ask the competent agency to provide information on the affiliation or entitlement to benefits of the interested person at any time.
7. Paragraph 5 of this article is not applicable in case of a reimbursement waiver agreement or an agreement for lump-sum reimbursement between agencies concluded by the competent authorities of the contracting States.

#### **Article 14**

##### **Assessment of the degree of incapacity for work in case of an accident at work or occupational disease that occurred previously**

To assess the degree of incapacity for work, to confer entitlement to benefits and to determine the amount of the benefits in cases referred to in article 24 of the Agreement, the claimant is required to submit to the competent agency of the contracting State to whose legislation the person was subject when the accident occurred or the first medical diagnosis of the occupational disease was made, any information on the accidents at work or occupational diseases suffered previously by the person while subject to the legislation of the other contracting State, whatever the degree of incapacity for work caused by the previous cases. The competent agency may contact any other agency that was previously competent in order to obtain the information it deems necessary.

### **Article 15**

#### **Procedure in case of exposure to the risk of an occupational disease in both States**

In the case referred to in paragraph 1 of article 26 of the Agreement, the declaration of occupational disease shall be sent either to the agency competent in matters of occupational diseases of the contracting State under whose legislation the victim last exercised an activity likely to have caused the disease considered or to the agency of the place of residence that sends it to the competent agency.

### **Article 16**

#### **Aggravation of an occupational disease**

In the case referred to in article 27 of the Agreement, the interested person is required to submit to the competent agency of the contracting State from which the person claims entitlement to benefits all information on the benefits awarded previously for the occupational disease considered. That agency may contact any other agency that was previously competent to obtain the information it deems necessary.

### **Article 17**

#### **Reimbursement between agencies**

1. The reimbursement of benefits in kind provided by the agency of the place of stay or residence under article 22 of the Agreement shall be made by the competent agency on the basis of the actual expenses taking into account the supporting documents submitted.
2. The reimbursement referred to in paragraph 1 of this article shall be made for each calendar year, in the twelve months that follow the introduction of the claims.

## **CHAPTER 3**

### **OLD-AGE, SURVIVORS AND INVALIDITY**

#### **Article 18**

##### **Processing of claims for benefits**

1. The claimant shall submit his claim for benefits under the legislation of the other contracting State to the competent agency of the State of residence or directly to the competent agency of the other contracting State.  
A claim that is submitted to the competent agency of the State of residence shall be submitted in accordance with the procedure laid down by the legislation of the State of residence.  
If the claim is submitted directly to the competent agency of the other contracting State, it shall be submitted in accordance with the procedure laid down by the legislation of that State.

Furthermore, if the competent agency of the State of residence receives a claim for benefits under the legislation of the other contracting State, it forwards such a claim to its liaison agency.

The liaison agency that receives such claim shall forthwith forward this claim to the liaison agency of the other contracting State, using the appropriate forms.

When it forwards the claim, the liaison agency of the State of residence will notify the liaison agency of the other contracting State whether or not there is any objection to the direct payment of the arrears in favour of the claimant, within the limits of their respective legislation.

This latter liaison agency will then forward this decision to its competent agency.

2. Furthermore, the claimant shall submit all documents available that could be required so that the competent agency of the other contracting State is able to determine the claimant's entitlement to the concerned benefit.
3. Data concerning the civil status as required by the application form shall be duly authenticated by the liaison agency, which shall confirm that the data are corroborated by original documents.
4.
  - (1) Furthermore, the liaison agency shall submit to the liaison agency of the other contracting State a form specifying the completed insurance periods pursuant to the legislation of the first State.
  - (2) After having received the form, the liaison agency of the other contracting State shall add all information regarding the completed insurance periods pursuant to the legislation it applies, and shall forthwith return it to the liaison agency of the first State.
5.
  - (1) Each of the competent agencies shall determine the claimant's entitlement and, if necessary, of his spouse, and shall notify its decision to its liaison agency and send a copy of the decision to the claimant. The liaison agency shall notify this decision, which must, moreover, indicate the manner and time limit for appeal according to its legislation, to the liaison agency of the State of residence the claim was submitted to. The latter agency shall notify the claimant of the decision by registered mail. The periods allowed for appeals start on the date the claimant receives the decision.
  - (2) At the same time, the liaison agency of the State of residence shall inform the liaison agency of the other contracting State of the notification of the decision referred to under (1) as well as of its own decision and it shall, if need be, communicate the amount it must claim back as compensation on the benefit arrears due by the competent agency of the other contracting State.
6.
  - (1) When the liaison agency of the State of residence knows that a beneficiary of invalidity, old-age or survivor's benefits of the other contracting State, or his spouse, has not entirely stopped all professional activities or has effectively resumed such activities, it shall forthwith inform the liaison agency of the latter contracting State thereof.

- (2) Furthermore, the liaison agency of the State of residence shall submit all information available concerning the nature of the work performed and the amount of the income the interested person or the spouse benefits or has benefited from.
7. The liaison agency of the contracting State where a beneficiary of invalidity, old-age or survivor's benefits of the other contracting State and, if applicable, his spouse reside, shall inform the liaison agency of the latter State of the decease of this beneficiary or his spouse.

**Article 19**  
**Administrative assistance**

In accordance with article 42 of the Agreement and within the limits of the applicable legislation, the competent agency of a contracting State can send requests for information and verification to the competent agency of the other contracting State, in particular with regard to the decease of an insured person. If this last agency has access to the requested data, this agency will provide it to the first agency.

All exchanges of data will be governed by the provisions of article 37 of the Agreement.

**Article 20**  
**Payment of benefits**

The competent agencies shall directly pay the benefits to the beneficiaries. However, when article 41 of the Agreement applies, the outstanding arrears and the withheld amounts shall be transferred to the creditor agency through the liaison agencies.

**Article 21**  
**Statistical information**

The liaison agencies shall, on an annual basis, exchange statistical information regarding the number of payments made in the other contracting State and the related amounts.

**PART IV - COMMON PROVISION FOR CHAPTERS 1 AND 3  
REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND MEDICAL CONTROL**

**Article 22**  
**Administrative and medical control**

1. The liaison agency of a contracting State shall send, upon request, to the liaison agency of the other State, all the available medical information and documentation regarding the incapacity of a claimant or a beneficiary.
2. When a person entitled to a benefit stays or resides in the territory of the other State than the State where the competent agency is located, the administrative and medical control shall be carried out, at the request of the competent agency, by the agency of the place of residence or stay, according to the terms laid down by the legislation

applied by the latter agency. However, the competent agency shall always have the possibility to have the beneficiary examined by a doctor of its choice.

3. The costs for medical control shall be reimbursed to the agency of the place of stay or residence by the competent agency of the other State. These costs shall be determined by the agency of the place of stay or residence on the basis of the rates it applies and shall be reimbursed by the competent agency upon submission of a detailed expense claim. These costs shall not be reimbursed when the medical examinations have been carried out in the interest of both contracting States.

## **PART V - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

### **Article 23**

#### **Certificates, attestations or forms**

The model of the certificates, attestations or forms necessary for the application of the Agreement and the Arrangement is determined, by mutual agreement, by the liaison agencies of both contracting States, with the approval of the competent authorities.

### **Article 24**

#### **Entry into force**

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

**DONE** at Tirana, on September 24<sup>th</sup> 2015 in duplicate in English, French, Dutch and Albanian, each text being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text will prevail.

## **LIST OF PROSTHESES, MAJOR APPLIANCES AND OTHER SUBSTANTIAL BENEFITS IN KIND**

Taken into account paragraph 3, point b) of article 13 of the Agreement and paragraph 2 of article 7 of the administrative arrangement, the Belgian and Albanian competent authorities have by common accord adopted the following provisions:

1. The prostheses, major appliances and other substantial benefits in kind shall be:
  - (1) prosthetic and orthopaedic appliances, including orthopaedic corsets of reinforced material and any additional parts, accessories and aids;
  - (2) orthopaedic footwear and remedial footwear (non-orthopaedic);
  - (3) maxillary and facial prostheses, wigs;
  - (4) ocular prostheses, contact lenses, magnifying and telescopic spectacles;

- (5) hearing aids, especially acoustic and phonetic appliances;
- (6) dental prostheses (fixed and removable) and obturators for use in the buccal cavity;
- (7) invalid vehicles (manually operated or motorized), wheelchairs and other mechanical means permitting the disabled to move about, guide dogs for the blind;
- (8) renewal of the items supplied as benefits mentioned in the preceding paragraphs;
- (9) spa treatment;
- (10) accommodation and medical treatment:
  - in a convalescent home, a sanatorium or an open-air sanatorium;
  - in a preventorium;
- (11) functional or occupational rehabilitation;
- (12) any other medical treatment or any other medical, dental or surgical appliance.

2. Are concerned, the prostheses, major appliances and other substantial benefits in kind of which the probable cost exceeds, as regards benefits in kind granted in the Republic of Albania, 1.000,00 EUR and, as regards benefits in kind granted in Belgium, 300,00 EUR. The competent authorities may, by common accord and exchange of letters, modify this amount.