

Transfers of pension rights to our pension scheme





## Time for an update

Member States which joined the Union before 2004

For the time being, transfers are possible from all basic and complementary schemes established in the Member States which joined the Union before 2004, with the exception of the Irish state pension. The Irish authorities have still not implemented the necessary provisions and arrangements enabling transfer of pension rights administered by the IE-DSFA (the Irish Department for Social and Family Affairs) to the Pension Scheme of the European Communities' Institutions (PSEC). The Commission is currently doing everything possible to put pressure on the Irish authorities to ensure that the appropriate action is taken in the shortest timeframe possible. The exceptional reopening of the deadlines for the submission of transfer applications regarding pension rights acquired under the IE-DSFA scheme was closed on 18th June 2009 (see Administrative Notice N° 56-2008).

Member States which joined the Union on 1st May 2004

Of the 10 Member States that joined the Union on 1st May 2004, five have already implemented the necessary national legislation and regulations, enabling transfer of pension rights between the schemes established within the respective Member State and the PSEC. These Member States are: Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia and Poland. For these Member States, the practical transfer procedures have already been initiated or this will be done in the coming months.

With regard to the five remaining Member States concerned – Hungary, Lithuania, Malta, Slovenia and Slovakia – the Commission has sent a final reminder to the respective Permanent Representations urging the national authorities to take appropriate action before the end of November 2009. Should there be no significant progress on the implementation of this statutory right within the national legislation before that date, the Commission will be compelled to undertake appropriate action, including judicial action should it be required.

Member States which joined the Union on 1st January 2007

The Commission has been in regular communication with the appropriate administrations of Bulgaria and Romania. A reminder is sent frequently to the Permanent Representation concerned, inviting the national authorities to implement the necessary legislation and/or regulations enabling transfers between all schemes established in the respective Member State on one hand and the PSEC on the other hand.

For all officials, temporary and contract staff, please note that transfer applications must be introduced in compliance with the statutory deadlines in force (normally before the end of the 6th month following the date on which 10 years of actual service within the E.C. Institutions is achieved) even if it is not still technically possible to proceed with the transfer from a certain Member State.

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