

SCHEDULE

Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Japan on Social Security

Article 9

1. The competent authorities or competent institutions of the two Parties shall provide any assistance necessary for the operation of this Agreement. This assistance shall be free of charge.
2. The competent authorities or competent institutions of one Party shall, in accordance with its legislation and other relevant laws and regulations, send to those of the other Party information about an individual collected under its legislation in so far as that information is necessary for the application of this Agreement.
3. For the purposes of this Agreement, no document of any kind written in the language of one Party shall be rejected by the competent authorities or competent institutions of the other Party on the ground that it is written in the language of the former Party.
4. Unless disclosure is required under the legislation or other relevant laws and regulations of one Party, any information about an individual which is sent in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 shall be treated as confidential and shall be used only for the purposes of applying this Agreement and the legislation of that Party.
5. The competent authorities or competent institutions of the two Parties shall co-operate, upon the request of one Party, to the extent possible in accordance with their respective laws and regulations, as regards the collection of contributions to be paid under the legislation of that Party.