
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes provision for the modification of certain social security legislation, so as to give effect to the Convention on Social Security Coordination between Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein, the Kingdom of Norway and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, signed at London on 30th June 2023 (“the Convention”).

This Order also varies the Social Security (Iceland) Order 1985 ([S.I. 1985/1202](#)) and the Social Security (Norway) Order 1991 ([S.I. 1991/767](#)) in accordance with Article 78 (Relationship with pre-existing Social Security Coordination Agreements) of the Convention, so far as they relate to England, Wales and Scotland.

It also removes some unnecessary wording in Article 2(3) of the Social Security (Norway) Order 2020 ([S.I. 2020/1597](#)) and Article 2(3) of the Social Security (Switzerland) Order 2021 ([S.I. 2021/1088](#)) respectively and corrects an error in Article 2(4) of each of those Orders. These amendments come into force on the day after the Order is made. This Order is being issued free of charge to all know recipients of those Orders.

Articles 2 and 3 of this Order have effect from the date on which the Convention enters into force in accordance with Article 74 (Entry into force) of the Convention. Article 74 provides that the States shall notify the Depositary in writing of completion of their respective internal requirements and procedures for entry into force of the Convention. The Convention shall enter into force in relation to those States which have notified the Depositary, on the first day of the month following the later of the dates on which the Depositary receives the notifications of a least one EEA EFTA State and the United Kingdom. Where an EEA EFTA State notifies the Depositary after this date, the Convention shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the date on which the Depositary receives that State’s notification.

This Order does not impose any costs on business, charities or the voluntary sector. A Tax Information and Impact Note has not been prepared for this instrument as it gives effect to previously announced policy.