

## HEADING FOUR: SOCIAL SECURITY COORDINATION AND VISAS FOR SHORT-TERM VISITS

### *TITLE I: SOCIAL SECURITY COORDINATION*

#### Ch.SSC.1: Overview

Member States and the United Kingdom shall coordinate their social security systems in accordance with the Protocol on Social Security Coordination, in order to secure the social security entitlements of the persons covered therein.

#### Ch.SSC.2: Legally residing

1. The Protocol on Social Security Coordination shall apply to persons legally residing in a Member State or the United Kingdom.
2. Paragraph 1 of this Article shall not affect entitlements to cash benefits which relate to previous periods of legal residence of persons covered by Article SSC.2 [Persons covered] of the Protocol on Social Security Coordination.

#### Ch.SSC.3: Cross border situations

1. The Protocol on Social Security Coordination shall only apply to situations arising between one or more Member States of the Union and the United Kingdom.
2. The Protocol on Social Security Coordination shall not apply to persons whose situations are confined in all respects either to the United Kingdom, or to the Member States.

#### Ch.SSC.4: Immigration applications

The Protocol on Social Security Coordination shall apply without prejudice to the right of a Member State or the United Kingdom to charge a health fee under national legislation in connection with an application for a permit to enter, to stay, to work, or to reside in that State.

### *TITLE II: VISAS FOR SHORT-TERM VISITS*

#### Article VSTV.1: Visas for short-term visits

1. The Parties note that on the date of entry into force of this Agreement both Parties provide for visa-free travel for short-term visits in respect of their nationals in accordance with their domestic law. Each Party shall notify the other of any intention to impose a visa requirement for short-term visits by nationals of the other Party in good time and, if possible, at least three months before such a requirement takes effect.
2. Subject to paragraph 3 and to Article FINPROV.10 [future accessions to the Union], in the event that the United Kingdom decides to impose a visa requirement for short-term visits on nationals of a Member State, that requirement shall apply to the nationals of all Member States.
3. This Article is without prejudice to any arrangements made between the United Kingdom and Ireland concerning the Common Travel Area.