

**Decision of the Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee on the
triangulation of social security coordination between the UK, EU,
European Free Trade Agreement (EFTA) States**

17 December 2020

DECISION No 2/2020
OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY THE AGREEMENT
ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND
NORTHERN IRELAND FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE EUROPEAN
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMUNITY

of 17 December 2020

the date from which the provisions of Title III of Part Two of the Agreement shall apply to the nationals of Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein, the Kingdom of Norway, and the Swiss Confederation

THE JOINT COMMITTEE

Having regard to the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland annexed to the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community¹, and in particular Article 12(3) thereof,

Whereas:

1. Pursuant to Article 33(1) of the Withdrawal Agreement, the provisions of Title III of Part Two of the Agreement on the coordination of the social security systems, applicable to Union citizens, shall apply to nationals of Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein, the Kingdom of Norway, and the Swiss Confederation provided that these states have concluded and apply corresponding agreements, on the one hand, with the United Kingdom which apply to Union citizens and, on the other hand, with the Union which apply to United Kingdom nationals.
2. Pursuant to Article 33(2) of the Withdrawal Agreement, upon notification from the United Kingdom and from the Union of the date of entry into force of these agreements, the Joint Committee shall set the date from which the provisions of Title III of Part Two of the Agreement shall apply to the nationals of Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein, the Kingdom of Norway, and the Swiss Confederation, as applicable.

¹ [OJ L 29, 31.1.2020, p.7.](#)

3. The Union has concluded corresponding agreements with Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Kingdom of Norway² and with the Swiss Confederation³ which apply to United Kingdom nationals. The United Kingdom has concluded corresponding agreements with Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Kingdom of Norway⁴ and with the Swiss Confederation⁵ which apply to Union citizens.
4. In view of the notifications from the United Kingdom and from the Union of the date of entry into force of the agreements referred to in recital (3), the date from which the provisions of Title III of Part Two of the Withdrawal Agreement shall apply to the nationals of Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein, the Kingdom of Norway, and the Swiss Confederation, should be 1 January 2021,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The date from which the provisions of Title III of Part Two of the Withdrawal Agreement shall apply to the nationals of Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein, the Kingdom of Norway, and the Swiss Confederation shall be 1 January 2021.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

² Decision No 210 of 2020 of the EEA Joint Committee amending Annex VI (Social Security) to the EEA Agreement.

³ Decision No 1/2020. of the Joint Committee established under the Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Swiss Confederation, of the other, on the free movement of persons of 15 December 2020 amending Annex II to that Agreement on the coordination of social security schemes.

⁴ Agreement on arrangements between Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein, the Kingdom of Norway and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union, the EEA Agreement and other agreements applicable between the United Kingdom and the EEA EFTA States by virtue of the United Kingdom's membership of the European Union signed in London on 28 January 2020.

⁵ Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Swiss Confederation on Citizens' Rights following the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union and the Free Movement of Persons Agreement signed in Bern on 25 February 2019.

Done at Brussels, 17 December 2020

For the Joint Committee

The Co-chairs

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