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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 8637. INTERIM AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF GREECE ON SICKNESS AND MATERNITY INSURANCE. SIGNED AT ATHENS, ON 13 SEPTEMBER 1966

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Government of the Kingdom of Greece, desiring provisionally to regulate relations between the two States in the matter of sickness and maternity insurance pending the conclusion of a general treaty on social security, have decided to conclude an Agreement with this object and have agreed on the following provisions :

TITLE I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

1. This Agreement shall apply :

- (a) In the Netherlands, to the legislation concerning sickness insurance (Benefits in cash and in kind in respect of sickness and maternity);
- (b) In Greece, to the legislation concerning insurance covering employed persons or persons treated as such in respect of sickness and maternity.

The term "legislation" shall, where appropriate, be construed also to include regulations.

2. This Agreement shall also apply to all laws or regulations by which the legislation referred to in paragraph 1 of this article has been or may be amended or supplemented.

It shall apply to laws or regulations extending existing schemes to new categories of beneficiaries, provided that the Government of the Contracting Party concerned raises no objection within a period of three months after the date of notification of the official publication of such laws or regulations.

3. For the purposes of this Agreement, the competent authorities shall be, in the case of the Netherlands, the Minister of Social Affairs and Public Health, and, in the case of Greece, the Minister of Labour.

¹ Came into force on 1 November 1966, the first day of the second month following signature, in accordance with article 20, paragraph 1.

Article 2

1. The provisions of this Agreement shall apply to employed persons or persons treated as such who are subject to the legislation of one of the Contracting Parties and are nationals of one of the Parties, and to the members of their families.

2. The provisions of this Agreement shall not apply to members of diplomatic or consular missions (including chancellery officials, provided that they are nationals of the sending State) or to members of a government service of one of the Contracting Parties who are sent by their Government to the territory of the other Contracting Party.

Article 3

Nationals of one of the Contracting Parties to whom the provisions of this Agreement apply shall be subject to the requirements and entitled to the advantages of the legislation referred to in article 1 on the same conditions as nationals of the other Party.

Article 4

The competent authorities of the Contracting Parties may, by agreement, make exceptions to the provisions of article 2, paragraph 2, and article 3 for specific employed persons or groups of employed persons.

TITLE II

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Article 5

For the purposes of the acquisition, maintenance or recovery of the right to benefits, where an employed person or a person treated as such has been subject successively or alternately to the legislation of both Contracting Parties, the insurance periods and equivalent periods completed under the legislation of each of the Contracting Parties shall be aggregated, provided that they do not overlap.

Article 6

1. An employed person or a person treated as such who has completed insurance periods or equivalent periods under the legislation of one of the Contracting Parties and who moves to the territory of the other Contracting Party shall be entitled, for himself and for such members of his family as are in that

territory, to the benefits provided for by the legislation of the last-mentioned Contracting Party, provided that :

- (a) He was fit for employment when he last entered the territory of the last-mentioned Contracting Party;
- (b) He has been subject to compulsory insurance since he last entered that territory;
- (c) He satisfies the conditions imposed by the legislation of the last-mentioned Contracting Party, account being taken of the aggregation of periods referred to in the preceding article.

2. Where, in the cases specified in paragraph 1 of this article, an employed person or a person treated as such does not satisfy the conditions laid down in sub-paragraphs *a*, *b* and *c* of that paragraph, and where he would still be entitled to benefits under the legislation of the Contracting Party in whose territory he was last insured before his change of residence if he were in that territory, he shall remain entitled to benefits for a period of twenty-one days from the last day on which he was subject to the compulsory insurance scheme of that Party. The insurance authority of that Party may request the insurance authority of the place of residence to provide benefits in kind in accordance with the legislation applied by the last-mentioned insurance authority.

Article 7

1. An employed person or a person treated as such who is entitled to benefits from an insurance authority of one of the Contracting Parties and who is resident in the territory of that Party shall retain that entitlement when he transfers his residence to the territory of the other Contracting Party; before transferring his residence, however, he must obtain the consent of the competent insurance authority, which may withhold its consent only if advised by a physician on its staff that his state of health does not permit the transfer of residence to the territory of the other Contracting Party.

2. Where an employed person or a person treated as such is entitled to benefits under the provisions of the preceding paragraph, benefits in kind shall be provided by the insurance authority of his new place of residence in accordance with the provisions of the legislation applied by that insurance authority, particularly as regards the scale of such benefits and the manner of providing them; the duration of such benefits shall, however, be that prescribed by the legislation of the competent country.

3. In the case specified in paragraph 1 of this article, the provision of prosthesis, of large prosthetic appliances and of other major benefits in kind shall be subject, except in cases of unmistakable urgency, to prior authorization by the competent insurance authority.