

**ADDITION TO THE AGREEMENT ON DETERMINING THE LEGISLATION APPLICABLE TO
RHINE BOATMEN, CONCLUDED ON THE BASIS OF ARTICLE 16 (1)
OF REGULATION (EC) N° 883/2004**

Having regard to the entry into force in respect of Switzerland on 1 April 2012 of Regulation (EC) 883/2004, in accordance with the decision made on 31 March 2012 by the Joint Committee set up by the Agreement between the European Community and Switzerland on the Free Movement of Persons to adapt Annexe II of the said Agreement on the Free Movement of Persons ("ALCP"),

The competent authorities are agreed on the following provisions:

Article 1

Switzerland shall apply the Agreement of 23 December 2010 on determining the legislation applicable to Rhine boatmen (referred to hereinafter as "the Agreement"), as supplemented and amended in accordance with the present Addition.

Article 2

Paragraph 1 of Article 5 of the Agreement ("Method for applying this Agreement") shall be supplemented as follows:

Switzerland

For signing this Addition, the Office Fédéral des Assurances Sociales (federal social insurance office).

For issuing the A1 Certificate on the applicable legislation, in the case of Swiss legislation being applicable, the appropriate Caisse de Compensation pour l'Assurance-Vieillesse (old-age pension compensation fund).

Article 3

- (1) The present Addition shall enter into force as soon as all the signatures have been received. It shall apply retroactively as from 1 April 2012, the date on which the adaptation of Annexe II to the ALCP between Switzerland and the European Union entered into force.
- (2) The signatories of the present Addition shall send to the Secretariat, as soon as possible, the Addition signed by the competent national authority. The Secretariat shall notify all the signatories as soon as all the signatures have been received.
- (3) The present Addition shall remain in force for the same period of time as the Agreement, and shall be subject to the same conditions.

The versions in German, French and Dutch are all equally authentic.

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