

PROTOCOL 15

ON TRANSITIONAL PERIODS ON THE FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS

(^{}) *LIECHTENSTEIN*

Article 1

The provisions of the Agreement and its Annexes relating to the free movement of persons between the EC Member States and EFTA States shall apply subject to the transitional provisions laid down in this Protocol.

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Article 5

1. Liechtenstein, on the one hand, and EC Member States and other EFTA States, on the other hand, may maintain in force until 1 January 1998 with regard to nationals from EC Member States and other EFTA States and to nationals of Liechtenstein, respectively, national provisions submitting to prior authorization entry, residence and employment.
2. Liechtenstein may maintain in force until 1 January 1998 with regard to nationals of EC Member States and other EFTA States quantitative limitations for new residents, seasonal workers and frontier workers. These quantitative limitations will be gradually reduced.

Article 6

1. Liechtenstein may maintain in force until 1 January 1998 national provisions limiting professional mobility of seasonal workers, including the obligation of such workers to leave the territory of Liechtenstein at the expiry of their seasonal permit for at least three months. As from 1 January 1993, seasonal permits will be automatically renewed for seasonal workers holding a seasonal work contract on their return to the territory of Liechtenstein.
2. Articles 10, 11 and 12 of Regulation (EEC) No 1612/68 as listed in point 2 of Annex V to the Agreement shall apply in Liechtenstein with regard to residents as from 1 January 1995 and with regard to seasonal workers as from 1 January 1997.
3. The arrangements provided for in paragraph 2 shall also apply to members of the family of a self-employed person in the territory of Liechtenstein.

Article 7

Liechtenstein may maintain in force until:

- 1 January 1998 national provisions requiring a worker who, while having his residence in a territory other than that of Liechtenstein, is employed in the territory of Liechtenstein (frontier worker) to return each day to the territory of his residence;
- 1 January 1998 national provisions on restrictions on professional mobility and access to professions for all categories of workers;
- 1 January 1995 national provisions on restrictions on access to professional activities with regard to self-employed persons having their residence in the territory of Liechtenstein. Such restrictions may be upheld until 1 January 1997 with regard to self-employed persons having their residence in a territory other than that of Liechtenstein.

^{1} Words "Switzerland and" deleted by the Adjusting Protocol.

^{2} Article 2 to 4 deleted by the Adjusting Protocol.

Article 8

1. Other than the limitations set out in Articles 2 to 7, {³} Liechtenstein shall not introduce any new restrictive measures concerning entry, employment and residence of workers and self-employed persons as of the date of signature of the Agreement.
2. {⁴} Liechtenstein shall take all necessary measures so that during the transitional periods nationals of EC Member States and of other EFTA States may take up available employment in the territory of {⁵} Liechtenstein with the same priority as nationals of {⁶} Liechtenstein {⁷}.

Article 9

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2. At the end of the transitional period for Liechtenstein the transitional measures shall be jointly reviewed by the Contracting Parties, duly taking into account the specific geographic situation of Liechtenstein.

Article 10

During transitional periods, existing bilateral arrangements will continue to apply unless provisions which are more favourable in their effect to citizens of the EC Member States and EFTA States result from the Agreement.

Article 11

For the purposes of this Protocol, the terms 'seasonal worker' and 'frontier worker' contained therein shall have the meaning as defined by the national legislation of {⁹} Liechtenstein {¹⁰}, at the time of signature of the Agreement.

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{⁶} Words "Switzerland and" deleted by the Adjusting Protocol.

{⁷} Word ", respectively" deleted by the Adjusting Protocol.

{⁸} Article 9(1) deleted by the Adjusting Protocol.

{⁹} Words "Switzerland and" deleted by the Adjusting Protocol.

{¹⁰} Word ", respectively" deleted by the Adjusting Protocol.