
I. DECLARATIONS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 1(L) OF REGULATION (EC) NO 883/2004 AND THE DATE FROM WHICH THE REGULATION WILL APPLY

None

II. LEGISLATION AND SCHEMES REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 3 OF REGULATION (EC) NO 883/2004 AND THE DATE FROM WHICH THE REGULATION WILL APPLY

Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies to the legislation listed below from 1 May 2010 (the date of its entry into force).

1. Sickness benefits

(i) Benefits in kind

The Health Act, in force as from 1 January 2005: medical aid in emergency cases; preventive examinations and tests and obstetric care for all women without health insurance, regardless of the manner of birth chosen, within the scope of and by a procedure determined by an ordinance of the Minister of Health; inpatient psychiatric care; provision of blood and blood products; transplantation of organs, tissues and cells; mandatory treatment and/or mandatory isolation; expert examinations on the type and degree of disability and permanent incapacity for work; payment for the treatment of diseases under the terms and conditions set out by the Minister of Health; medical transport under the terms and conditions set out by the Minister of Health; vaccines for specific indications and in emergency situations, specific serums, immunoglobulins and other bio-products relevant to the prevention of infectious diseases, as well as the technical means for their application; the full range of anti-epidemic activities; access to healthcare activities within the framework of national, regional and municipal health programmes.

The Health Insurance Act, in force as from 1 January 1999: within the scope of the compulsory health insurance.

(ii) Cash benefits:

The Social Security Code, in force as from 1 January 2000: cash benefits for temporary work incapacity.
2. **Maternity and equivalent paternity benefits**

(i) Benefits in kind:

*The Health Act*, in force as from 1 January 2005: maternity benefits in kind for uninsured pregnant women;

*The Health Insurance Act*, in force as from 1 January 1999: maternity benefits in kind, within the scope of the compulsory health insurance.

(ii) Cash benefits


3. **Invalidity benefits**

(i) Benefits in kind

*The Health Act*, in force as from 1 January 2005: invalidity benefits in kind, outside the scope of the compulsory health insurance.

*The Health Insurance Act*, in force as from 1 January 1999: invalidity benefits in kind, within the scope of compulsory health insurance.

*The Integration of Persons with Disabilities Act*, in force as from 1 January 2005: non-contributory sickness benefits in kind, provided to disabled persons with a view to integrating them into society.

(ii) Cash benefits

*The Social Security Code*, in force as from 1 January 2000: from the state social security system - pension for disability due to illness and cash benefits for disability due to illness where there is no basis for the granting of a pension, benefits for prevention and rehabilitation and cash benefits for specialised equipment relating to a disability; social invalidity pension.

*The Integration of Persons with Disabilities Act*, in force as from 1 January 2005: non-contributory sickness cash benefits, provided to disabled persons with a view to integrating them into society.
4. **Old-age benefits**

(i) Benefits in kind

*The Health Act*, in force as from 1 January 2005: benefits in kind, outside the scope of the compulsory health insurance.

*The Health Insurance Act*, in force as from 1 January 1999: benefits in kind, within the scope of compulsory health insurance.

(ii) Cash benefits

*The Social Security Code*, in force as from 1 January 2000 – cash benefits: contributory old-age pension provided by the state social security system, supplementary lifelong old-age pension provided by the compulsory additional social security scheme, and contributory lower old-age pension.

5. **Survivor's benefits**

(i) Benefits in kind

None

(ii) Cash benefits

*The Social Security Code*, in force as from 1 January 2000: cash benefits: survivors’ pensions provided by the state social security system, survivors' pensions provided by the compulsory additional social security scheme, and supplements deriving from the pension of the deceased spouse, from the state social security system.

6. **Benefits in respect of accidents at work and occupational diseases**

(i) Benefits in kind

*The Health Act*, in force as from 1 January 2005: benefits in kind, outside the scope of the compulsory health insurance.

*The Health Insurance Act*, in force as from 1 January 1999: benefits in kind, within the scope of compulsory health insurance.

(ii) Cash benefits
The Social Security Code, in force as from 1 January 2000:
1. cash benefits for short-term incapacity as a result of accidents at work or occupational diseases, treatment at a sanatorium, urgent medical examinations, tests and/or treatments,
2. cash grants for prevention and rehabilitation,
3. invalidity pensions related to accidents at work and occupational diseases,
4. cash grants for specialised equipment relating to a disability;

7. **Death grants**

(i) Benefits in kind

None

(ii) Cash benefits


8. **Unemployment benefits**

(i) Benefits in kind

None

(ii) Cash benefits

*The Social Security Code*, in force as from 1 January 2000: cash benefits provided by the state social security system.

*The Employment Promotion Act*, in force as from 1 January 2002: conditions for registration as an unemployed person and for maintained registration at the Employment Agency.

9. **Pre-retirement benefits**

(i) Benefits in kind

None

(ii) Cash benefits

None
10. **Family benefits**

(i) Benefits in kind

*The Family Allowances Act*, in force as from 1 April 2002.

(ii) Cash benefits

*The Family Allowances Act*, in force as from 1 April 2002, not including lump-sum family allowances.

- Monthly family allowances:
  - monthly allowance for raising a child up to the age of one;
  - monthly allowance for raising a child until graduation from high school, but not after the age of 20;
  - monthly allowance for raising a child with a permanent disability.

11. **Special non-contributory cash benefits**

Special non-contributory cash benefits intended to provide a minimum subsistence income pursuant to Article 70(2)(a)(i) of Regulation (EC) no 883/2004

(i) Benefits in kind

None

(ii) Cash benefits


Special non-contributory cash benefits intended to provide a specific protection for the disabled, closely linked to the said person's social environment pursuant to Article 70(2)(a)(i) of Regulation (EC) no 883/2004

(i) Benefits in kind

None
(ii) Cash benefits

III. DECLARATIONS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 8(2) OF REGULATION (EC) NO 883/2004 AND THE DATE FROM WHICH THE REGULATION WILL APPLY

Treaty between the Republic of Bulgaria and the Federal Republic of Germany for cooperation to combat cross-border fraud concerning employment benefits and social security contributions, undeclared employment and illegal cross-border temporary employment, in force as from 1 July 2010.

IV. MINIMUM BENEFITS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 58 OF REGULATION (EC) NO 883/2004 & THE DATE FROM WHICH THE REGULATION WILL APPLY

Minimum old-age pension: BGN 200 from 1 January 2018 to 30 June 2018, and BGN 207.60 as from 1 July 2018, determined each year in accordance with the State Social Insurance Budget Act.

V. POSSIBILITY FOR ANY CATEGORY OF SELF-EMPLOYED PERSONS TO BE COVERED BY AN UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS SYSTEM (ARTICLE 65A(1) OF REGULATION (EC) NO 883/2004) AND LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE WHERE APPLICABLE

The legislation of Republic of Bulgaria does not provide any possibility for any category of self-employed persons to be covered by the unemployment benefits system.