

**Declaration by the Republic of Croatia in accordance with Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the coordination of social security systems for the reference year ending 31 December 2021**

**I. Declarations referred to in Article 1(1) of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004**

None

**II. Legislation and systems referred to in Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004**

The date of application of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 in the national legislation referred to below insofar as covered by the Regulation is **1 May 2010** unless otherwise specified. The Regulation applies in Croatia as of 1 July 2013, the day that the Republic of Croatia joined the European Union.

**1. Sickness benefits**

- (i) Benefits in kind
  - Compulsory Health Insurance Act (*Narodne Novine* (NN); Official Gazette of the Republic of Croatia) No 80/13, in force since 1 July 2013).
    - Amendments: Act amending the Compulsory Health Insurance Act (NN, Nos 137/13, in force since 16 November 2013 and 98/19, in force since 1 January 2020).
- (ii) Benefits in cash
  - Compulsory Health Insurance Act (NN, No 80/13, in force since 1 July 2013).
    - Amendments: Act amending the Compulsory Health Insurance Act (NN No 137/13, in force since 16 November 2013 and 98/19, in force since 1 January 2020).

**2. Maternity and equivalent paternity benefits**

- (i) Benefits in kind
  - Compulsory Health Insurance Act (NN No 80/13, in force since 1 July 2013).
    - Amendments: Act amending the Compulsory Health Insurance Act (NN No 137/13, in force since 16 November 2013 and 98/19, in force since 1 January 2020).
- (ii) Benefits in cash

- Compulsory Health Insurance Act (NN No 80/13, in force since 1 July 2013).
  - Amendments: Act amending the Compulsory Health Insurance Act (NN No 137/13, in force since 16 November 2013 and 98/19, in force since 1 January 2020).
- Maternity and Parental Benefits Act (NN No 85/08 as amended, in force since 1 January 2009 except for Article 9 which entered into force on the day that the Republic of Croatia joined the European Union).
  - Corrigendum: Corrigendum to the Maternity and Parental Benefits Act (NN No 110/08, in force since 26 September 2008).
  - Amendments: Act amending the Maternity and Parental Benefits Act (NN Nos 34/11, in force since 31 March 2011, 54/13, in force since 1 July 2013, 152/14, in force since 30 December 2014 except for Articles 1 and 2 that entered into force on 1 January 2015, 59/17, in force since 1 July 2017 and No 37/20, in force since 1 April 2020).

### **3. Invalidity benefits**

#### **(i) Benefits in kind**

- Pension Insurance Act (NN No 157/13, in force since 1 January 2014). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 January 2014.
  - Amendments: Act amending the Pension Insurance Act (NN Nos 33/15 in force since 1 April 2015, 120/16, in force since 1 January 2017, 115/18, in force since 1 January 2019 except for Articles 88 and 90(2) that enters into force on 1 July 2019, 102/19, in force since 1 January 2020 and No 84/21, in force since 1 August 2021)
  - Amendments: Act amending the Pension Insurance Act (NN No 93/15 in force from 1 September 2015 to 30 June 2016).
  - Constitutional Court Decision No U-I-1574/16 et al. of 30 January 2018 and a separate judge's opinion applicable since 23 February 2018 (NN No 18/18).
- Armed Forces of the Republic of Croatia Act (NN No 73/13 in force since 26 June 2013, except for Article 230 that entered into force 21 December 2014)
  - Amendments: Act amending the Armed Forces of the Republic of Croatia Act (NN Nos 75/15 in force since 16 July 2015, 50/16, in force since 9 June 2016, 30/18, in force since 7 April 2018 and 125/19 in force since 21 December 2019 except for Article 46 that enters into force 1 January 2020.)

#### **(ii) Benefits in cash**

- Pension Insurance Act (NN No 157/13, in force since 1 January 2014). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 January 2014.
  - Amendments: Act amending the Pension Insurance Act (NN Nos 33/15, in force since 1 April 2015, 120/16, in force since 1 January 2017, 115/18, in

- force since 1 January 2019 except for Articles 88 and 90(2) that enters into force on 1 July 2019 and 102/19, in force since 1 January 2020 and No 84/21, in force since 1 August 2021)
- Amendments: Act amending the Pension Insurance Act (NN No 93/15, in force from 1 September 2015 to 30 June 2016).
  - Constitutional Court Decision No U-I-1574/16 et al. of 30 January 2018 and a separate judge's opinion applicable since 23 February 2018. (NN No 18/18)
  - Pension Insurance Companies Act (NN No 22/14, in force since 27 February 2014). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 27 February 2014.
    - Amendments: Act amending the Pension Insurance Companies Act (NN Nos 29/18, in force since 5 April 2018 and 115/18, in force since 1 January 2019)
  - Act on Increased Duration of Contribution Periods (NN No 115/18, in force since 1 January 2019). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 July 2013.
    - Amendment: Act amending the Act on the Increased Duration of Contribution Periods (NN No 34/21, in force since 10 April 2021).
  - Armed Forces of the Republic of Croatia Act (NN No 73/13 in force since 26 June 2013, except for Article 230 that entered into force 21 December 2014)
    - Amendments: Act amending the Armed Forces of the Republic of Croatia Act (NN, Nos 75/15 in force since 16 July 2015, 50/16, in force since 9 June 2016, 30/18, in force since 7 April 2018 and 125/19 in force since 21 December 2019 except for Article 46 that enters into force 1 January 2020.)
  - Mine Action Act (NN No 110/15, in force since 21 October 2015) No 883/2204 applies from 21 October 2015).
    - Amendments: Act amending the Mine Action Act (NN No 118/18, in force since 1 January 2019 and 98/19, in force since 1 January 2020).
  - Act on the Rights of Croatian Defenders of the Homeland War and Members of their Families (NN No. 121/17, in force since 14 December 2017)
    - Amendments: Act amending the Act on the Rights of Croatian Defenders of the Homeland War and Members of their Families (NN, No 98/19, in force since 1 January 2020 and No 84/21 in force since 31 July 2021)

#### **4. Old-age benefits**

(i) Benefits in kind

None

(ii) Benefits in cash

- Pension Insurance Act (NN No 157/13, in force since 1 January 2014). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 January 2014.
  - Amendments: Act amending the Pension Insurance Act (NN Nos 33/15, in force since 1 April 2015, 120/16, in force since 1 January 2017, 115/18, in force since 1 January 2019 except for Articles 88 and 90(2) that enters into

force on 1 July 2019 and 102/19, in force since 1 January 2020 and No 84/21, in force since 1 August 2021)

- Amendments: Act amending the Pension Insurance Act (NN No 93/15, in force from 1 September 2015 to 30 June 2016).
- Constitutional Court Decision No U-I-1574/2016 et al. of 30 January 2018 and a separate judge's opinion applicable since 23 February 2018. (NN No 18/18)
- Pension Insurance Companies Act (NN No 22/14, in force since 27 February 2014). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 27 February 2014.
  - Amendments: Act amending the Pension Insurance Companies Act (NN Nos 29/18, in force since 5 April 2018 and 115/18, in force since 1 January 2019)
- Act on Increased Duration of Contribution Periods (NN No 115/18, in force since 1 January 2019). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 July 2013.
  - Amendment: Act amending the Act on the Increased Duration of Contribution Periods (NN No 34/21, in force since 10 April 2021).
- Fire Service Act (NN, No 125/19, in force since 1 January 2020). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 July 2013.
- Maritime Code (NN No 181/04, in force since 29 December 2004). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 July 2013.
  - Amendments: Act amending the Maritime Code ( NN, Nos 76/07, in force since 31 July 2007, 146/08, in force since 25 December 2008, 61/11, in force since 11 June 2011, 56/13, in force since 18 May 2013, 26/15, in force since 17 March 2015 and 17/19, in force since 28 February 2019 except Article 3 and Articles 69-192 that enters into force on 1 January 2020)
- Act on the pension entitlements of active military service personnel, police officers and authorised officials (NN, No 128/99, in force since 8 December 1999). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 July 2013.
  - Amendments: Act amending the Act on the pension entitlements of active military service personnel, police officers and authorised officials (NN Nos 16/01, in force since 7 March 2001, 22/02, in force since 16 March 2002, 41/08, in force since 9 April 2008, 118/12, in force since 26 October 2012)
- Act on the special pension entitlements of persons involved in demining activities (NN No 153/05, in force since 5 January 2006). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 July 2013.
  - Amendments: Act amending the Act on the special pension entitlements of active military service personnel, police officers and authorised officials (NN No 152/08, in force since 1 January 2009).
- Mine Action Act (NN No 110/15, in force since 21 October 2015). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 21 October 2015.

- Amendments: Act amending the Mine Action Act (NN No 118/18, in force since 1 January 2019 and 98/19, in force since 1 January 2020).
- Decree on the posts of authorised customs officers whose actual period of service is augmented by a notional period of service (NN No 86/13, in force since 8 July 2013). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 8 July 2013.
  - Amendments: Decree amending the Decree on the posts of authorised customs officers whose actual period of service is augmented by a notional period of service (NN No 02/18, in force since 13 January 2018).

## 5. Survivors' benefits

### (i) Benefits in kind

None

### (ii) Benefits in cash

- Pension Insurance Act (NN No 157/13, in force since 1 January 2014). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 January 2014.
  - Amendments: Act amending the Pension Insurance Act (NN Nos 33/15, in force since 1 April 2015 and 120/16, in force since 1 January 2017, 115/18, in force since 1 January 2019 except for Articles 88 and 90 (2) that enters into force on 1 July 2019 and 102/19, in force since 1 January 2020 and No 84/21, in force since 1 August 2021)
  - Amendments: Act amending the Pension Insurance Act (NN No 93/15, in force from 1 September 2015 to 30 June 2016).
  - Constitutional Court Decision No U-I-1574/2016 et al. of 30 January 2018 and a separate judge's opinion applicable since 23 February 2018. (NN No 18/18)
- Pension Insurance Companies Act (NN No 22/14, in force since 27 February 2014). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 27 February 2014.
  - Amendments: Act amending the Pension Insurance Companies Act (NN No 29/18, in force since 5 April 2018 and NN No 115/18, in force since 1 January 2019)
- Armed Forces of the Republic of Croatia Act (NN No 73/13 in force since 26 June 2013, except for Article 230 that entered into force 21 December 2014)
  - Amendments: Act amending the Armed Forces of the Republic of Croatia Act (NN, Nos 75/15 in force since 16 July 2015, 50/16, in force since 9 June 2016, 30/18, in force since 7 April 2018 and 125/19 in force since 21 December 2019 except for Article 46 that enters into force 1 January 2020.)
- Act on the Rights of Croatian Defenders of the Homeland War and Members of their Families (NN, No. 121/17, in force since 14 December 2017)

- Amendments: Act amending the Act on the Rights of Croatian Defenders of the Homeland War and Members of their Families (NN, No 98/19, in force since 1 January 2020 and No 84/21 in force since 31 July 2021)

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

### **(i) Benefits in kind**

- Compulsory Health Insurance Act (NN No 80/13, in force since 1 July 2013). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 July 2013.
  - Amendments: Act amending the Compulsory Health Insurance Act (NN No 137/13, in force since 16 November 2013 and 98/19, in force since 1 January 2020).
- Mine Action Act (NN No 110/15, in force since 21 October 2015). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 21 October 2015.
  - Amendments: Act amending the Mine Action Act (NN No 118/18, in force since 1 January 2019 and 98/19, in force since 1 January 2020).

### **(ii) Benefits in cash**

- Compulsory Health Insurance Act (NN No 80/13, in force since 1 July 2013). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 July 2013.
  - Amendments: Act amending the Compulsory Health Insurance Act (NN No 137/13, in force since 16 November 2013 and 98/19, in force since 1 January 2020).
- Pension Insurance Act (NN No 157/13, in force since 1 January 2014). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 January 2014.
  - Amendments: Act amending the Pension Insurance Act (NN Nos 33/15, in force since 1 April 2015, 120/16, in force since 1 January 2017, 115/18 in force since 1 January 2019 except for Articles 88 and 90(2) that enters into force on 1 July 2019 and 102/19, in force since 1 January 2020 and No 84/21, in force since 1 August 2021)
  - Amendments: Act amending the Pension Insurance Act (NN No 93/15, in force from 1 September 2015 to 30 June 2016).
  - Constitutional Court Decision No U-I-1574/2016 et al. of 30 January 2018 and a separate judge's opinion applicable since 23 February 2018. (NN No 18/18)
- Pension Insurance Companies Act (NN No 22/14, in force since 27 February 2014).
  - Amendments: Act amending the Pension Insurance Companies Act (NN No 29/18, in force since 5 April 2018 and NN No 115/18, in force since 1 January 2019)

- Mine Action Act (NN No 110/15, in force since 21 October 2015). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 21 October 2015.
  - Amendments: Act amending the Mine Action Act (NN No 118/18, in force since 1 January 2019 and 98/19, in force since 1 January 2020).

## **7. Death grant**

- (i) Benefits in kind

None

- (ii) Benefits in cash

- Compulsory Health Insurance Act (NN No 80/13, in force since 1 July 2013). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 July 2013.
  - Amendments: Act amending the Compulsory Health Insurance Act (NN No 137/13, in force since 16 November 2013 and 98/19, in force since 1 January 2020).

## **8. Unemployment benefits**

- (i) Benefits in kind

- Labour Market Act (NN No 118/18, in force since 1 January 2019). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 July 2013.
  - Amendments: Act on Amendments to the Labour Market Act (NN, No 32/20, in force since 20 March 2020).

- (ii) Benefits in cash

- Labour Market Act (NN No 118/18, in force since 1 January 2019). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 July 2013.
  - Amendments: Act on Amendments to the Labour Market Act (NN, No 32/20, in force since 20 March 2020).

## **9. Pre-retirement benefits**

- (i) Benefits in kind

None

- (ii) Benefits in cash

None

## **10. Family benefits**

- (i) Benefits in kind

None

(ii) Benefits in cash

- Child Allowance Act (NN No 94/01, in force since 8 November 2001, applies from 1 February 2002.). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 July 2013.
  - Amendments: Act amending the Child Allowance Act (NN Nos 138/07, in force since 31 January 2007, 107/07, in force since 1 July 2013, 61/11, in force since 11 June 2011, 112/12, in force since 1 January 2013, 82/15, in force since 1 September 2015 and 58/18, in force since 1 July 2018)
  - Constitutional Court Decision No U-I-3852/2004 of 12 March 2008 repealing Article 8(2) of the Child Allowance Act (NN Nos 94/01, 138/06, 107/07) as of 31 December 2008. (NN No 37/08).

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

Special non-contributory cash benefits guaranteeing a minimum subsistence income, in accordance with Article 70(2)(a)(i) of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004.

(i) Benefits in cash

None

b) Special non-contributory cash benefits guaranteeing specific protection for the disabled linked to their social environment, in accordance with Article 70(2)(a)(ii) of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004.

(i) Benefits in cash

None

### **III. Conventions referred to in Article 8(2) of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004**

None

### **IV. Minimum benefits referred to in Article 58 of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004**

The date of application of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 in the national legislation referred to below insofar as covered by the Regulation is (**1 May 2010**) unless otherwise specified. The Regulation applies in Croatia as of **1 July 2013**, the day that the Republic of Croatia joined the European Union.

- Minimum pension under Article 90 of the Pension Insurance Act (NN No 157/13 and all amendments, in force since 1 January 2014). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 January 2014.



- Amendments: Act amending the Pension Insurance Act (NN Nos 33/15, in force since 1 April 2015, 120/16, in force since 1 January 2017, 115/18, in force since 1 January 2019 except Articles 88 and 90(2) that enters into force on 1 July 2019 and No 102/19, in force since 1 January 2020 and No 84/21, in force since 1 August 2021)
- Amendments: Act amending the Pension Insurance Act (NN No 93/15, in force from 1 September 2015 to 30 June 2016).
- Constitutional Court Decision No U-I-1574/2016 et al. of 30 January 2018 and separate judge's opinion applicable since 23 February 2018. (NN No 18/18)

**V. Special provisions for wholly unemployed self-employed frontier workers where the Member State of residence has no unemployment benefit system covering self-employed persons**

Croatian law provides for the possibility to recognise the right of self-employed persons to unemployment benefit.

Labour Market Act (NN No 118/18, in force since 1 January 2019). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 July 2013.

- Amendments: Act on Amendments to the Labour Market Act (NN, No 32/20, in force since 20 March 2020).