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Bulgaria – Social Security Agreement with Russia

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Summary

Bulgaria – Russia Social Security Agreement (the SSA) was promulgated in the State Gazette on 12 March 2010 and entered into force on 20 March 2010. Some of the most important provisions of the SSA are summarized below.

Scope of application

Matters covered: sickness, maternity, family and death benefits as well as invalidity, old-age, survivors' and social pensions.

Individuals covered: citizens of Bulgaria or Russia domiciled there, who are or have been subject to the social security legislation of one of the contracting states (as well as members of their families).

Applicable legislation

General rule: The employee is subject only to the social security legislation of the contracting state where the work is performed.

Exceptions:

- Individuals working in both states – subject only to the legislation of the state where they are domiciled;
- Assignees – may remain subject to the legislation of their home country for a period of up to two years. The latter could be extended with up to one year upon mutual agreement between both states. No further extensions are possible.

The SSA does not contain provisions regarding the self-employed.

Deloitte's View

The SSA greatly affects Bulgarian and Russian companies seconding

employees to the other contracting state as well as the individuals themselves. They should now consider where it is more beneficial to pay social security contributions and to apply for the necessary certificates. We would be happy to provide you with further details and help with any application for Bulgarian certificates of coverage.

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