

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

The information you give on this form is confidential. We need the information to send your U.S. Social Security payments electronically to your French bank account.

WHEN YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR DIRECT DEPOSIT PAYMENTS

Your payment will be sent through the French banking system and will usually be in your bank account on the regular payment date. With direct deposit, you will have immediate access to your money. This is the safest way of receiving your benefits.

INFORMATION ABOUT CURRENCY CONVERSION

With direct deposit, your U.S. Social Security payment is automatically converted to euros at a good exchange rate a few days before it is deposited to your account.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO JOINT ACCOUNT HOLDERS

If you have a joint account with a person who receives Social Security payments, and that person dies, you must immediately contact your bank **and** the Social Security Administration or the American Embassy or Consulate in your area. Any Social Security payments deposited into a joint account after the death of a beneficiary must be returned to Social Security.

IF YOUR ADDRESS CHANGES

If your address changes, you **must** inform the American Embassy or the Social Security Administration. If the Social Security Administration needs to contact you and cannot locate you, your payments may be stopped.

CHANGING BANKS OR BANK ACCOUNTS

If you change your bank or your account, you must notify one of these offices:

American Consulate Office of American Services Federal Benefits Unit 2 Rue St. Florentin 75382 Paris Cedex 08	Social Security Administration Office of International Operations PO Box 17769 Baltimore, MD 21235-7769
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You may need to fill out a new sign-up form. ***Do not close your old account until payments have started coming to your new account.***

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

This information meets the requirements of 44 U.S.C. §3507, as amended by section 2 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. You do not need to answer these questions unless we display a valid Office of Management and Budget control number. We estimate that it will take about 5 minutes to read the instructions, gather the facts, and answer the questions. You may send comments on our time estimate above to: SSA, 1338 Annex building, Baltimore, MD 21235-0001. ***Only comments relating to our time estimate should be provided, not the completed form.***