

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 Swiss franc bank account.

WHEN YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR DIRECT DEPOSIT PAYMENTS

Your payment will be sent through the Swiss banking system and will usually be in your bank account 3 days after the U.S. payment date. You can avoid waiting up to 15 working days for your check to clear. With direct deposit you will have immediate access to your money.

INFORMATION ABOUT CURRENCY CONVERSION

With direct deposit, you will not need to pay up to \$30 to cash your check and get your U.S. dollars converted to Swiss francs. A few days before the payment date, your U.S. Social Security payment is automatically converted at an interbank exchange rate, which is competitive with the rate offered by Swiss banks on that day.

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 U.S. Social Security Administration. Any Social Security payments deposited into a joint account after the death of a beneficiary must be returned to Social Security. As soon as we are advised of the death, if you are eligible to receive Social Security, we will determine whether your benefit amount will change and will send you any money that we owe you.

IF YOUR ADDRESS CHANGES

If your address changes, you must inform the U.S. Social Security Administration. If the Social Security Administration has 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 the offices below.

American Embassy
Federal Benefits Unit
Jubilaeumstrasse 93
3005 Bern
SWITZERLAND

International Treasury Services
Federal Reserve Bank of New York
E. Rutherford Oper. Ctr., 1st Floor
100 Orchard Street
E. Rutherford, NJ 07073
USA

Social Security Administration
Office of International Operations
PO Box 17769
Baltimore, MD 21235-7769
USA

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.**