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On March 29, 2024, Vietnam Social Insurance issued Official Letter No. 862/BHXH-TST guiding certain the implementation the Social Insurance (SI) Agreement between Vietnam and South Korea with the following main contents:

Vietnamese and South Korean workers are exempted from double contribution of social insurance with the mechanism as follows:

For dispatched workers

- Only the laws of the first signatory country (the country where the employee was employed before being dispatched) will be effective for the first 60 months. This applies even if the employee is transferred to work at subsidiaries or partners of the employer in the territory of the other signatory country.
- If the duration of the dispatch exceeds 60 months, an additional 36 months will be applied if the employee has a labor contract with the same employer.

❖ For on-site recruited workers

- Only the laws of the signatory country (the country where the employee is recruited) will be effective.
- However, except for South Korean citizens recruited by employers in Vietnam and working for those employers in Vietnam, only the laws of South Korea will apply to these employees during their employment, provided that the employee is governed by South Korean laws and the duration of employment does not exceed 60 months.
- Individuals working at diplomatic missions, consular offices, and state officials of one signatory party sent to work within the territory of the other signatory party, shall be subject to the laws of the first signatory party (the country where the worker was employed before being dispatched for work).

In addition, this Official Letter has specific instructions on the procedures and template of the application, certificate of granting Social Insurance Certificates to Vietnamese workers, Korean workers and the procedures for stop contributing SI for Vietnamese employee work in Korea under labour contract.



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