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Information about transferring money to Neubrandenburg Tax Office

To pay your German tax, including the solidarity surcharge and any accrued interest, please make a bank transfer for the total amount to 'Finanzamt Neubrandenburg (RiA)', which is the section of Neubrandenburg Tax Office responsible for pensioners abroad. It is possible to pay the total for several years in a single transfer.

Please note the following:

1. <u>Payments within the European Union, Norway, Liechtenstein, Iceland, Monaco and Switzerland</u>

If you are paying within the European Union, Norway, Liechtenstein, Iceland, Monaco or Switzerland, please make a SEPA transfer to the following account:

International bank account number (IBAN) DE66 1500 0000 0015 0015 20 Bank identifier code (BIC) MARKDEF1150.

This allows euro transfers to be conducted in a cheap, quick and secure fashion, much like domestic transfers. Unfortunately, the option of paying by SEPA Direct Debit for EU/EEA countries is not yet available.

2. Payments from countries outside of Europe

Please contact your bank to arrange a payment order to the following bank:

Deutsche Bundesbank Neubrandenburg Ziegelbergstr. 57 17033 Neubrandenburg

The beneficiary account details are:

German bank account number 150 015 20 (or the above IBAN if required)

SWIFT/BIC code MARKDEF1150

Please use the payment instruction **OUR** to ensure that the transfer charges are paid from the transferring account (see note below).

3. Other notes

As a precaution – and particularly with a view to avoiding payment reminders – we point out that, under section 270 of Germany's Civil Code (*Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch*), taxpayers arrange money transfers at their own expense and risk. Because of this, all risks (e.g. due to changes in exchange rates) and all fees (e.g. those charged by correspondent banks in the payment chain) must be taken into account when arranging the payment and borne by the taxpayer, who has no right to a refund of any resulting costs.

We request that you do not pay by cheque unless there are exceptional grounds for doing so, as cheques may result in charges for you, are at risk of going missing, and give rise to an excessive amount of administrative work at the tax office.

When making a transfer, please state your tax number and the purpose of the payment to ensure that it is allocated to your tax account correctly and quickly.