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## **THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA**

### **Final List of Article II MFN Exemptions**

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## REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA - LIST OF ARTICLE II MFN EXEMPTIONS

Sector or subsector	Descriptions of measure indicating its inconsistency with Article II	Countries to which the measure applies	Intended duration	Conditions creating the need for the exemption
All sectors	The nationals of countries other than Estonia are given preferential treatment when granting permits for entry, stay, and work in Estonia to natural persons providing services (other than essential persons as defined in I Horizontal commitments in the Schedule of Specific Commitments of Estonia on trade in services) on the basis of reciprocity established by agreements between Estonia and these countries.	All countries with whom labour market integration may be mutually desirable.	Indefinite.	To further liberalise the conditions of entry, stay, and work of natural persons belonging to the citizenship of countries with whom Estonia may need free movement of labour to achieve flexibility in the Estonian services-related labour market.
Audiovisual services - Production and distribution of audiovisual works through broadcasting or other forms of transmission to the public	Measures which define works of European origin in such a way as to extend national treatment to audiovisual works which meet certain linguistic and origin criteria regarding access to broadcasting or similar forms of transmission.	Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on Transfrontier Television or other European countries with whom an agreement may be concluded.	Indefinite. Exemption needed, for certain countries, only until an economic integration agreement is concluded or completed.	The measures aim, within the sector, to promote cultural values both within EC Member States, and with other countries in Europe, as well as achieving linguistic policy objectives.
Audiovisual Services -Production and distribution of cinematographic works and television programmes	Measures based upon government-to-government framework agreements on co-production of audiovisual works, which confer national treatment to audiovisual works covered by these agreements, in particular in relation to distribution and access to funding.	All countries with whom cultural co-operation may be desirable.	Indefinite.	The aim of these agreements is to promote cultural links between the countries concerned.
Audiovisual Services - Production and distribution of television programmes and cinematographic works	Measures granting the benefit of any support programmes (such as Action Plan for Advanced Television Services, MEDIA or EURIMAGES) to audiovisual works, and suppliers of such works, meeting certain European origin criteria.	European countries.	Indefinite. Exemption needed, for certain countries, only until an economic integration agreement is concluded or completed.	These programmes aim at preserving and promoting the regional identity of countries within Europe which have long standing cultural links.
International Road Transport Services	Provisions in existing or future bilateral or plurilateral agreements on international road transport (including combined transport-road/rail) reserving or limiting the provision of a transport service into, in, across and out of the Republic of Estonia to the contracting parties to vehicles registered in each contracting party, and providing for tax exemption for such vehicles.	All countries with which Estonia has a bilateral or plurilateral agreement on road transport in force.	Indefinite	The need for exemption is linked to the region characteristics of road transport services