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Council for Trade in Services

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NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III:3 OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES

The following notification, dated 27 November 2003, from the delegation of the People's Republic of China is being circulated to the Members of the Council for Trade in Services.

1. **Member notifying:**

The People's Republic of China

2. **Notification under:**

Article III, paragraph 3 of the General Agreement on Trade in Services

3. **Date of entry into force/duration:**

10 January 2003

4. **Agency responsible for implementation and enforcement of the measure:**

Ministry of Commerce

5. **Complete description of the measure^{*} indicating the modes of supply covered, the effect on trade in services (e.g., restrictions/liberalization measures) and the impact of the measure on commitments in the Member's schedule and Article II (MFN) exemption list, if relevant:**

Measures for the Administration of Foreign-invested International Freight Forwarding Agencies

This measure is the amendment to the Regulations on the Administration of Foreign-invested Freight Forwarding Agencies of the People's Republic of China: liberalizing the proportional limitation of foreign ownership in foreign-controlled freight forwarding companies, allowing foreign investors to establish joint venture international freight forwarding agencies with majority foreign ownership; allowing the establishment of foreign-invested international freight forwarding agencies by means of merger and acquisition of equity interests of domestic enterprises; further liberalizing the qualification requirements for Chinese partners in foreign-invested international freight forwarding agencies and therefore diminishing the limitations on investors.

^{*} Including international agreements, recognition measures or other types.

6. Members specifically affected, if any:

None

7. The texts are available from:

- Enquiry point ☒
 - WTO Secretariat ☐
 - Other sources (address, fax
and telephone of other body) ☐
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