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

Supply services of personnel within Japan

The following notification has been received from Japan.

1. **Member notifying:**

Japan

2. **Notification under Article(s):**

Article III, paragraph 3

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

16 December 1996

Duration:

Indefinite

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

Ministry of Labour

5. **Complete description of the measure:**

According to the revision of Law for Securing the Proper Operation of Worker Dispatching Undertakings and Improved Working Conditions for Dispatched Workers, supply services of personnel within Japan in the following additional eleven categories of business have been permitted:

- (1) Businesses corresponding to itinerary management business conducted by those who accompany travellers in travels other than *sponsored travels* provided in paragraph 4, Article 2 of Law on Travel, or supply of services, incidental to the said business, for the convenience of travellers;
- (2) Research on science, development of new products produced with knowledge on science or technology to which science is applied or development of new method of production of products produced with knowledge on science or technology to which science is applied;
- (3) Investigation, planning or drafting on preparation of systems necessary for companies to conduct businesses or on preparation of management methods of the said systems;
- (4) Editing in the process of production of works, including books and magazines, composed of sentences, photographs, charts and so on;
- (5) Designing, planning or giving expressions to designs of goods, designs of wrapping of goods or designs for display of goods or advertisement of goods or companies;
- (6) Consulting on or designing or expressing of designs or arrangements of lightning equipments and furnishings indoors;
- (7) Reading manuscripts, such as in broadcasting programs, for which a high degree of professional knowledge, technical skills or experiences is needed, or giving expressions by means of voice and sound accompanied by interviews, or presiding;
- (8) Teaching or instructing how to operate office equipment, how to use systems which work by using computers or how to use programs;
- (9) By means of telecommunications, explaining or consulting on goods, rights or services, applying for sales contracts of goods or rights or contracts of supplying services for consideration, receiving applications for those contracts, concluding those contracts, or soliciting applications for or conclusions of those contracts;
- (10) Explaining or consulting for customers on machines designed in accordance with customers demands, facilities composed of machines, or programs, applying for sales contracts of machines designed in accordance with customers demands, facilities composed of machines, or programs, receiving applications for those contracts, concluding those contracts, or soliciting applications for or conclusions of those contracts;
- (11) Procuring, producing, establishing, operating or carrying in or out of stage setting or stage properties which are used to produce broadcasting programs and so on.

Affected commitments in the Schedule:

Commitments in sector 1.F.k) - "Supply services of personnel within Japan (limited to services to dispatch workers employed by the service supplier to work under the direction of another person while employment relationship with the service supplier is maintained)"

6. Members specifically affected, if any:

None

7. Text available from:

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