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Draft consolidated Schedule of Specific Commitments¹

Attached is a draft consolidated version of the Schedule of Specific Commitments of Switzerland in word format. This document does not substitute for the legally binding commitments undertaken by Switzerland in its Schedule of Specific Commitments (GATS/SC/83; GATS/SC/83/Suppl.2/Rev.1; GATS/SC/83/Suppl.3/Rev.1; GATS/SC/83/Suppl.4)

Attached to the draft consolidated schedule is Switzerland's draft consolidated Article II (MFN) Exemption List (GATS/EL/83 and GATS/EL/83/Suppl.2)

The draft consolidated versions of the Schedule and the MFN Exemption List were prepared by the Secretariat, at the request of Members, to facilitate the process of negotiations, including the presentation of initial offers.

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SWITZERLAND – SCHEDULE OF SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS

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Sector or Sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
I. HORIZONTAL COMMITMENTS			
The level of commitments in a particular services sector shall not be construed to supersede the level of commitments taken with respect to any other services sector to which such service is an input or to which it is otherwise related. CPC numbers indicated in square brackets are references to the UN Provisional Central Product Classification (Statistical Papers Series M No. 77, Provisional Central Product Classification, Department of International Economics and Social Affairs, Statistical Office of the United Nations, New York, 1991			
ALL SECTORS INCLUDED IN THIS SCHEDULE	1) None 2) None 3) None	1) Unbound for subsidies, tax incentives and tax credits 2) Unbound for subsidies, tax incentives and tax credits 3) The majority of the board of directors of a "joint stock company" (société anonyme /Aktiengesellschaft or société en commandite par actions/ Kommanditaktiengesellschaft) must be Swiss citizens with domicile in Switzerland (except for holding companies). At least one manager of a "corporation with limited liability" (société à responsabilité limitée/Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung) must have his domicile in Switzerland. The administrators of a "co-operative society" (société coopérative/Genossenschaft) must be composed of a majority of Swiss citizens with domicile in Switzerland. Joint stock companies are not prohibited to foresee in their articles of incorporation that shareholders can be denied registration in the shareholder register, inter alia in case federal law requires a certain composition of shareholders.	

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		<p>The establishment of a branch requires a representative (natural person) with domicile in Switzerland who is duly authorized by the company to fully represent it.</p> <p>The establishment of a commercial presence by natural persons or in the form of an enterprise without juridical personality according to Swiss law (i.e. in a form other than "joint stock company", "cooperation with limited liability" or "co-operative society") is subject to the requirement of a permanent residency permit of the associate(s) by cantonal law.</p> <p>Eligibility for subsidies, tax incentives and tax credits may be limited to persons established in a particular geographical sub-division of Switzerland</p> <p>The acquisition of real estate by foreigners who are not permanently established in Switzerland and by enterprises with headquarters abroad and/or under foreign control is subject to authorization. For the purpose of personal housing needs (except the acquisition of holiday residences), professional use and business activities, authorization is granted upon verification of the purpose. Prohibited are purely financial investments, real estate business operations, acquisition, on a professional basis, of holiday apartments and facilities other than hotels (e.g. apartment houses, camps, sport areas) and acquisition of agricultural real estate.</p>	

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	<p>4) Unbound, except for measures concerning the entry and temporary stay of natural persons (hereafter persons) falling within the following categories, as defined in paragraphs I and II below, and subject to the following limitations and conditions and to the limitations and conditions on national treatment set out under the national treatment column: Entry and stay of foreign service suppliers in Switzerland is subject to authorization (requirement of residency permit and work permit). Authorization is granted subject to measures fixing overall numbers of work permits allocated.</p> <p>For essential personnel as defined in paragraph I below, the period of stay is limited to a period of three years, which may be extended to a maximum of four years. For other essential personnel as defined in paragraph II below, the period of stay is limited to three months within one year; if an authorization for such a period of stay is renewed the following year, the applicant must stay abroad at least two months between the two consecutive periods of stay in Switzerland.</p> <p>Persons staying in or entering Switzerland with an open-ended or prolongable residence permit based on an employment contract not limited in time for Switzerland are not considered as persons residing in or entering Switzerland for the purpose of temporary stay or temporary employment in Switzerland.</p>	<p>4) Unbound, except for measures concerning the categories of natural persons referred to in the market access column, subject to the following limitations and conditions: Working conditions prevailing in the branch and the place of activity provided by law and/or collective agreement (with respect to remuneration, working hours, etc.), measures limiting professional and geographical mobility within Switzerland, regulations related to statutory systems of social security and public retirement plans (with respect to qualifying period, residency requirement, etc.), and all other provisions of the legislation relating to immigration, entry, stay and work.</p> <p>The enterprise employing such persons shall cooperate, upon request, with the authorities in charge of the enforcement of these measures.</p> <p>Eligibility for subsidies, tax incentives and tax credits may be limited to persons domiciled in a particular geographical subdivision of Switzerland.</p>	

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	<p>I. <u>Essential persons transferred to Switzerland within a specific business or company</u> (intra-corporate transferees)</p> <p>Are considered as essential those persons - defined in detail below - who are employees of a business or company (hereafter enterprise) providing services in Switzerland through a branch, subsidiary or affiliate established in Switzerland and who have been beforehand employees of their enterprise outside Switzerland for a period of not less than one year immediately preceding their application for admission:</p> <p>(a) Executives and senior managers: Persons who primarily direct the enterprise or one of its departments and who receive only general supervision or direction from high-level executives, the board of directors or the stockholders of the enterprise. Executives and senior managers would not directly perform tasks related to the actual provision of services of the enterprise.</p> <p>(b) Specialists: Highly qualified persons who, within an enterprise, are essential for the provision of a specific service by reason of their knowledge at an advanced level of expertise in the field of services, research equipment, techniques or management of the enterprise.</p>		

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	<p>II. <u>Other essential persons moving to Switzerland</u></p> <p>(a) Services sellers: Persons employed or mandated by an enterprise and who stay temporarily in Switzerland in order to conclude the contract for the sale of a service on behalf of the enterprise which employs them or has mandated them. Services sellers may not sell services directly to the general public or supply services themselves.</p> <p>(b) Persons responsible for the setting up of a commercial presence: Persons who are employees of an enterprise not having commercial presence in Switzerland and who have been beforehand employees of that enterprise outside Switzerland for a time period not less than one year immediately preceding their application for admission, and who fulfil the conditions of paragraph I.a) above, and who are entering Switzerland for the purpose of setting up a commercial presence of that enterprise in Switzerland. Persons responsible for the setting-up of a commercial presence may not engage in making direct sales to the general public or supply services themselves.</p>		

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	<p>(c) Persons who are employees of an enterprise outside Switzerland not having commercial presence in Switzerland (other than enterprises providing services as defined by CPC 872), which has concluded a services contract with an enterprise engaged in substantive business in Switzerland, and who have been beforehand employees of the enterprise outside Switzerland for a time period of not less than one year immediately preceding their application for admission, and who fulfil the conditions of paragraph I(b) above and who provide a service in Switzerland as a professional of a service sector as set out below on behalf of the enterprise outside Switzerland; as a further requirement five years of related experience is required. Per contract, temporary entry for a limited number of service suppliers will be granted for a single period of three months, the number of service suppliers depending on the size of the task to be performed under the contract. Individual services providers not employed by such enterprise outside Switzerland are considered as persons seeking access to the Swiss employment market.</p> <p><u>Services sectors:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engineering Services (CPC 8672); - Consultancy Services related to the installation of computer hardware (CPC 841); - Software Implementation Services (CPC 842). 		

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II. SECTOR-SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS			
1. BUSINESS SERVICES			
(a) Legal services			
- Consultancy on home country law and international law (part of CPC 861)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) Swiss nationality necessary to open up practice in the canton of St. Gall 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
(b) Accounting, auditing and book-keeping services			
- Accounting (CPC 862 except 86211)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
- Auditing services, excluding auditing of banks (part of CPC 86211)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) At least one person supplying auditing services to a joint stock company (société anonyme/Aktiengesellschaft) or a société en commandite par actions/Kommanditaktiengesellschaft must have a commercial presence in Switzerland 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I; at least one person supplying auditing services to a joint stock company (société anonyme/Aktiengesellschaft) or a société en commandite par actions/Kommanditaktiengesellschaft must have a commercial presence in Switzerland	

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(c) Taxation services (CPC 863)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
(d) Architectural services (CPC 8671)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) Three years of prior professional practice in Switzerland required in canton of Lucerne 2) None 3) Three years of prior professional practice in Switzerland required in canton of Lucerne 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I; three years of prior professional practice in Switzerland required in canton of Lucerne	
(e) Engineering services (CPC 8672)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) Three years of prior professional practice in Switzerland required in canton of Lucerne for building engineers; Swiss nationality necessary for survey activities for official public purposes (however, foreign surveyors can work under the responsibility of a licensed Swiss surveyor) 2) None 3) Three years of prior professional practice in Switzerland required in canton of Lucerne for building engineers; Swiss nationality necessary for survey activities for official public purposes (however, foreign surveyors can work under the responsibility of a licensed Swiss surveyor) 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I; three years of prior professional practice in Switzerland required in canton of Lucerne for building engineers; Swiss nationality necessary for survey activities for official public purposes (however, foreign surveyors can work under the responsibility of a licensed Swiss surveyor)	
(f) Integrated engineering services (CPC 8673)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	

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(g) Urban planning and landscape architectural services (CPC 8674)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
(h) Medical and dental services (CPC 9312)	1) None 2) None 3) Unbound 4) Unbound	1) None 2) None 3) Swiss nationality necessary to practise independently 4) Swiss nationality necessary to practise independently	
(i) Veterinary surgeons (CPC 932)	1) None 2) None 3) Unbound 4) Unbound	1) None 2) None 3) Swiss nationality necessary to practise independently 4) Swiss nationality necessary to practise independently	
A. <u>Computer and Related Services</u>			
(a) Consultancy services related to the installation of computer hardware (CPC 841)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
(b) Software implementation services (CPC 842)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
(c) Data processing services (CPC 843)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	

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(d) Data base services (CPC 844)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
(e) Other			
- Maintenance and repair services of office machinery and equipment including computers (CPC 845)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
- Data preparation services (CPC 8491)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
B. <u>Research and Development Services</u>			
- R&D services on natural sciences, excluding projects financed in whole or in part by public funds (part of CPC 851)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
- R&D services on social sciences, excluding projects financed in whole or in part by public funds (part of CPC 852)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
- Interdisciplinary R&D services, excluding projects financed in whole or in part by public funds (part of CPC 853)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	

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E. <u>Rental/Leasing without Operators</u>			
(a) Relating to ships			
- For maritime transport services (part of CPC 83103)	1) Unbound 2) None 3) In order to sail under Swiss flag, vessels must be 100 per cent owned and controlled by Swiss nationals, 3/4 of which having residency in Switzerland 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) Unbound 2) None 3) Board of directors and management of companies owning ships sailing under Swiss flag must be composed of Swiss nationals, the majority of which having residency in Switzerland 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
- For internal waterways transport on the Rhine (part of CPC 83103)	1) Unbound 2) None 3) In order to sail under Swiss flag, vessels must be owned by a company which is substantially influenced (66 per cent of capital and vote) by persons domiciled in Switzerland or in a country according to the Mannheim Convention and the protocols related to it 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I; commercial presence in Switzerland required	1) Unbound 2) None 3) Traffic rights including cabotage are limited on the basis of the Mannheim Convention and the protocols related to it; owner of vessels must dispose of an appropriate managing agency in Switzerland 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I; traffic rights including cabotage are limited on the basis of the Mannheim Convention and the protocols related to it; commercial presence in Switzerland required	
(b) Relating to aircraft			
- Relating to aircraft, excluding rental/leasing to companies flying on regular schedule or on charter (part of CPC 83104)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	

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(c) Relating to other transport equipment (CPC 83101 + 83102 + 83105)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
(d) Relating to other machinery and equipment (CPC 83106 - 83109)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
F. <u>Other Business Services</u>			
(a) Advertising services			
- Advertising services (including direct mail advertising), excluding outdoor advertising and excluding advertising for goods subject to import authorization and excluding pharmaceutical products, alcohol, tobacco, toxics, explosives, weapons and ammunition (part of CPC 8711 + part of 8712)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
(b) Market research and public opinion polling (CPC 864)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
(c) Management consulting services (CPC 865)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	

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(d) Services related to management consulting (CPC 866)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
(e) Technical testing and analysis services (CPC 8676)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
(f) Services incidental to agriculture, hunting and forestry			
- Consulting services on agriculture, hunting and forestry (part of CPC 881)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
(g) Services incidental to fishing			
- Consulting services relating to fishing (part of CPC 882)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
(h) Services incidental to mining			
- Services incidental to mining, excluding prospection, surveying, exploration and exploitation (part of CPC 883 + part of 5115)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	

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(i) Services incidental to manufacturing			
- Consulting services relating to manufacturing (part of CPC 884 + part of 885)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
(m) Related scientific and technical consulting services			
- Related scientific and technical consulting services, excluding prospection, surveying, exploration and exploitation (part of CPC 8675)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
(n) Maintenance and repair of equipment (not including maritime vessels, aircraft or other transport equipment) (CPC 633 + 8861-8866)	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I; commercial presence in Switzerland required for subsector CPC 633	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I; Commercial presence in Switzerland required for subsector CPC 633	
(o) Building cleaning services			
- Building-cleaning services (CPC 874 except 87409)	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I; commercial presence in Switzerland required	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I; commercial presence in Switzerland required	
(p) Photographic services (CPC 875)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	

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(q) Packaging services (CPC 876)	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I; commercial presence in Switzerland required	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I; commercial presence in Switzerland required	
(r) Printing, publishing (CPC 88442)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
(s) Convention services (part of CPC 87909)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
2. COMMUNICATION SERVICES			
C. <u>Telecommunication Services</u>			
Telecommunication Services are the transport of electro-magnetic signals - sound, data, image and combinations thereof, excluding broadcasting ¹			
(a) Voice telephone services (CPC 7521)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	As annexed

¹ Broadcasting is defined as the uninterrupted chain of transmission required for the distribution of TV and radio programme signals to the general public, but does not cover contribution links between operators.

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(b) Packet-switched data transmission (CPC 7523**)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
(c) Circuit-switched data transmission (CPC 7523**)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
(d) Telex services (CPC 7523**)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
(e) Telegraph services (CPC 7522)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
(f) Facsimile services (CPC 7521** + 7529**)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
(g) Private leased circuit services (CPC 7522** + 7523**)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	

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<u>Enhanced/Value-added Telecommunication Services</u>			
General condition applicable to all telecommunication sectors: federal monopoly on net work infrastructure, services have to be provided over the public network or over leased lines; wireless networks subject to licensing; pricing of leased lines not volume-sensitive, connection with the public network possible.			
Electronic mail (part of CPC 7523)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
Voice mail (part of CPC 7523)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
On-line information and data base retrieval (part of CPC 7523)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
Electronic data interchange (EDI) (part of CPC 7523)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
Enhanced/value-added facsimile service (part of CPC 7523)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
Code and protocol conversion	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	

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On-line information and/or data processing (part of CPC 843)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
- Videotext	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
Enhanced/value added services based on licensed wireless networks including enhanced/value added paging services, except for voice transmission	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
3. CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED ENGINEERING SERVICES			
A. <u>General Construction Work for Buildings</u> (CPC 512)	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
B. <u>General Construction Work for Civil Engineering</u>			
- General Construction Work for Civil Engineering (CPC 5131 + 5132)	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	

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C. <u>Installation and Assembly Work</u> (CPC 514 + 516)	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) Unbound for installations in the area of energy, heating, water, communications and elevators 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I; unbound for installations in the area of energy, heating, water, communications and elevators	
D. <u>Building Completion and Finishing Work</u> (CPC 517)	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
E. <u>Other</u>			
- Pre-erection work at construction sites (CPC 511)	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
4. DISTRIBUTION SERVICES			
A. <u>Commission Agents' Services</u>			
- Commission Agents' Services excluding services related to goods subject to import authorization, to pharmaceutical products, toxics, explosives, weapons and ammunition, and precious metals (part of CPC 6211)	1) None 2) None 3) Some cantons have restrictions on sales area 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	

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Sector or Sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
<p>B. <u>Wholesale Trade Services</u></p> <p>- Wholesale Trade Services excluding services related to goods subject to import authorization, to pharmaceutical products, toxics, explosives, weapons and ammunition, and precious metals (part of CPC 622)</p>	<p>1) None 2) None 3) Some cantons have restrictions on sales area 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I</p>	<p>1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I</p>	
<p>C. <u>Retailing Services</u></p> <p>- Retailing Services excluding services related to goods subject to import authorization, to pharmaceutical products, toxics, explosives, weapons and ammunition, and precious metals; not covered is retailing through mobile sales unit (part of CPC 631 + part of 632 + part of 6111 + part of 6113 + part of 6121)</p>	<p>1) None 2) None 3) Some cantons have restrictions on sales area 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I; commercial presence in Switzerland required</p>	<p>1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I; commercial presence in Switzerland required</p>	
<p>D. <u>Franchising</u> (CPC 8929)</p>	<p>1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I</p>	<p>1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I</p>	

Modes of supply: 1) Cross-border supply 2) Consumption abroad 3) Commercial presence 4) Presence of natural persons

Sector or Sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
5. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES			
Private Educational Services			
- Compulsory education services (primary & secondary I)	1) Unbound 2) Unbound 3) None 4) Unbound	1) Unbound 2) Unbound 3) None 4) Unbound	
- Non-compulsory secondary education services (secondary II)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
- Higher Education Services (CPC 923)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
- Adult Education Services (CPC 924)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
6. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ²			
A. <u>Sewage Services</u> (CPC 9401)	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	

² Nothing in this commitment should be construed to include public work function whether owned and operated by municipalities, cantons or federal government or contracted out by them.

Modes of supply: 1) Cross-border supply 2) Consumption abroad 3) Commercial presence 4) Presence of natural persons

Sector or Sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
B. <u>Refuse Disposal Services</u> (CPC 9402)	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None except unbound for garbage dump 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I; commercial presence in Switzerland required	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I; commercial presence in Switzerland required	
C. <u>Sanitation and Similar Services</u> (CPC 9403)	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
D. <u>Other Environmental Services</u> (CPC 9404 + 9405 + 9406 + part of 9409)	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
7. FINANCIAL SERVICES Commitments on banking, securities and insurance services are in accordance with the "Understanding on Commitments in Financial Services" (hereafter "Understanding") and subject to limitations and conditions as contained in Part I (horizontal commitments) and as listed below. It is understood that paragraph B.4 of the "Understanding" does not impose any obligation to allow non-resident financial services suppliers to solicit business.			
<u>Insurance and Insurance-related Services</u>	Monopoly rights as indicated in paragraph B.1 of the "Understanding": a public monopoly on fire and natural damage insurance on buildings exists in the following cantons: Zurich, Berne, Lucerne, Nidwalden, Glaris, Zoug, Fribourg, Soleure, Bâle-Ville, Bâle-Campagne, Shaffhouse, Argovie, St-Gall, Grisons, Appenzell Rhodes Extérieures, Thurgovie, Vaud, Neuchâtel, Jura. In the cantons of Nidwalden and Vaud, the public monopoly on fire and natural damage insurance covers also movable property located in the buildings.		

Modes of supply: 1) Cross-border supply 2) Consumption abroad 3) Commercial presence 4) Presence of natural persons

Sector or Sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
	<p>1) Transactions as indicated in paragraph B.3 of the "Understanding": the underwriting of aircraft liability insurance requires a commercial presence in Switzerland.</p> <p>(2) Transactions as indicated in paragraph B.4 of the "Understanding": the underwriting of aircraft liability insurance requires a commercial presence in Switzerland.</p> <p>3) Representative offices cannot conduct business or act as an agent; for insurance companies incorporated in Switzerland, the legal form of a joint-stock company (Aktiengesellschaft, société anonyme) or a mutual association (Genossenschaft, société coopérative) is required; for branches of foreign insurance companies, the legal form of the insurance company in the head office country must be comparable to a Swiss joint-stock company or to a Swiss mutual association; participation in the basic health insurance scheme requires health insurance suppliers to be organized in one of the following legal entities: association (Verein, association), mutual association, foundation (Stiftung, fondation) or joint-stock company; participation in the statutory pension funds scheme (Berufsvorsorge/ prévoyance professionnelle) requires pension funds to be organized in the form of a mutual association or a foundation.</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I</p>	<p>1) Acquisition of real estate by foreigners is limited as indicated in Part I; however, foreign or foreign-controlled insurance companies are granted authorization to invest in real estate, provided the total value of the buyer's property does not exceed the technical reserves required for the company's activities in Switzerland, as well as to acquire property that serves as a security for mortgage loans in case of bankruptcy or liquidation.</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) A minimum of three years of experience in the direct insurance business in the head office country is required; acquisition of real estate by foreigners is limited as indicated in Part I; however, foreign or foreign-controlled insurance companies are granted authorization to invest in real estate, provided the total value of the buyer's property does not exceed the technical reserves required for the company's activities in Switzerland, as well as to acquire property that serves as a security for mortgage loans in case of bankruptcy or liquidation.</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I</p>	

Modes of supply: 1) Cross-border supply 2) Consumption abroad 3) Commercial presence 4) Presence of natural persons

Sector or Sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
<u>Banking and Other Financial Services</u> (excluding insurance)	<p>Monopoly rights as indicated in paragraph B.1 of the "Understanding": two mortgage bonds issuance institutes have been granted an exclusive right for the issuance of specific mortgage bonds (Pfandbrief, lettre de gage); with regard to the first institute only Swiss cantonal banks are accepted as members; in the case of the second institute banks with head office in Switzerland whose national mortgage loan business amounts to at least 60 per cent of the balance sheet can be members; the issue of other mortgage-backed bonds is not affected by this regulation.</p> <p>1)³ Foreign investment funds can only be marketed or distributed through a licensed representative agent resident in Switzerland; Swiss franc denominated issues can be lead-managed only by a bank or a securities dealer having a commercial presence (except representative office) in Switzerland.</p> <p>2) Swiss franc denominated issues can be lead-managed only by a bank or a securities dealer having a commercial presence (except representative office) in Switzerland.</p>	<p>1) Acquisition of real estate by foreigners is limited as indicated in Part I; however, foreign or foreign-controlled banks are granted authorization to acquire property that serves as a security for mortgage loans in case of bankruptcy or liquidation; the issue of foreign collective investment funds is subject to stamp duty.</p> <p>2) None</p>	

³ Not only transactions indicated in paragraph B.3 of the "Understanding" but the whole range of banking and other financial services transactions are covered (excluding insurance).

Modes of supply: 1) Cross-border supply 2) Consumption abroad 3) Commercial presence 4) Presence of natural persons

Sector or Sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
9. TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES	<p>3) Commercial presence of foreign financial service suppliers is subject to specific requirements relating to the name of the firm and the regulations on financial institutions in the country of origin; commercial presence may be denied to financial service suppliers whose ultimate shareholders and/or beneficial owners are persons of a non-GATS Member; representative offices can neither conclude or deal business nor act as an agent.</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I</p>	<p>3) Acquisition of real estate by foreigners is limited as indicated in Part I; however, foreign or foreign-controlled banks are granted authorization to acquire property that serves as a security for mortgage loans in case of bankruptcy or liquidation.</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I</p>	
A. <u>Hotels and Restaurants</u> (includes catering) (CPC 641 - 643)	<p>1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility, except unbound for catering (CPC 6423)</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) Federal law enables cantons to grant licence for restaurants based on economic needs (assessment of economic needs is based on criteria such as population, degree of built-up area, type of neighbourhood, touristical interests, number of existing restaurants)</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I; commercial presence in Switzerland required</p>	<p>1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility, except unbound for catering (CPC 6423)</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) Residency of licence holder in same canton may be required in some cantons; passing an examination in same canton may be required</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I; commercial presence in Switzerland required; residency of licence holder in same canton may be required in some cantons</p>	
B. <u>Travel Agencies and Tour Operators Services</u> (CPC 7471)	<p>1) None</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) None</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I</p>	<p>1) None</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) None</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I</p>	

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Sector or Sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
C. <u>Tourist Guides Services</u> (CPC 7472)	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I; in some cantons commercial presence may be required	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) In order to work as a mountain guide or ski instructor, passing of an examination is required; cantons may restrict access to such exams for foreigners and may restrict the ability of foreign mountain guides, and ski instructors, to practise independently; residency in same canton may be required in some cantons 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I; in order to work as a mountain guide or ski instructor, passing of an examination is required; cantons may restrict access to such exams for foreigners and may restrict the ability of foreign mountain guides, and ski instructors, to practise independently; in some cantons commercial presence may be required	
10. RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SPORTING SERVICES (other than audiovisual services)			
B. <u>News Agency Services</u> (CPC 962)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
D. <u>Sporting and other recreational services</u>			
- Sporting Services (CPC 9641)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	

Modes of supply: 1) Cross-border supply 2) Consumption abroad 3) Commercial presence 4) Presence of natural persons

Sector or Sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
11. TRANSPORT SERVICES			
B. <u>Internal Waterways Transports</u>			
Internal Waterways Transport on the Rhine			
- Passenger and freight transportation (part of CPC 7221 + part of 7222)	1) Unbound 2) None 3) In order to sail under Swiss flag, vessels must be owned by a company which is substantially influenced (66 per cent of capital and vote) by persons domiciled in Switzerland or in a country according to the Mannheim Convention and the protocols related to it 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I; commercial presence in Switzerland required	1) Unbound 2) None 3) Traffic rights including cabotage are limited on the basis of the Mannheim Convention and the protocols related to it; owner of vessels must dispose of an appropriate managing agency in Switzerland 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I; traffic rights including cabotage are limited on the basis of the Mannheim Convention and the protocols related to it; commercial presence in Switzerland required	
- Rental of vessels with crew (part of CPC 7223)	1) Unbound 2) None 3) In order to sail under Swiss flag, vessels must be owned by a company which is substantially influenced (66 per cent of capital and vote) by persons domiciled in Switzerland or in a country according to the Mannheim Convention and the protocols related to it 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I; commercial presence in Switzerland required	1) Unbound 2) None 3) Traffic rights including cabotage are limited on the basis of the Mannheim Convention and the protocols related to it; owner of vessels must dispose of an appropriate managing agency in Switzerland 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I; traffic rights including cabotage are limited on the basis of the Mannheim Convention and the protocols related to it; commercial presence in Switzerland required	

Modes of supply: 1) Cross-border supply 2) Consumption abroad 3) Commercial presence 4) Presence of natural persons

Sector or Sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
- Maintenance and repair of vessels (part of CPC 8868)	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
- Pushing and towing services (part of CPC 7224)	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
- Supporting services for internal waterway transport (part of CPC 745)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
C. <u>Air Transport Services</u>			
- Aircraft repair and maintenance services	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) Unbound 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I; commercial presence in Switzerland required	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) Unbound 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I; commercial presence in Switzerland required	
D. <u>Space Transport</u> (CPC 733)			
	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) Unbound 4) Unbound	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) Unbound 4) Unbound	

Modes of supply: 1) Cross-border supply 2) Consumption abroad 3) Commercial presence 4) Presence of natural persons

Sector or Sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
E. <u>Rail Transport Services</u>			
(a) Passenger transportation (CPC 7111)	1) Unbound 2) None 3) Concession required, for granting of concession there has to be a need for such a railways undertaking and there is no other means of transport which could handle that service in an ecologically and economically more reasonable way 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) Unbound 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
(b),(c) Freight transportation, including pushing and towing (CPC 7112 + 7113)	1) Unbound 2) None 3) Concession required, for granting of concession there has to be a need for such a railways undertaking and there is no other means of transport which could handle that service in an ecologically and economically more reasonable way 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) Unbound 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
(d) Maintenance and repair of rail transport equipment (part of CPC 8868)	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
F. <u>Road Transport Services</u>			
(a) Passenger transportation			
- regular, "closed-door" tours only (part of CPC 7121)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	

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Sector or Sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
- occasional, excluding empty entrance, cabotage and taxi services (part of CPC 7122)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
(c) Rental of commercial vehicles with operator (CPC 7124)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
(d) Maintenance and repair of road transport equipment (CPC 6112 + 8867)	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
H. <u>Services Auxiliary to All Modes of Transport</u>			
(a) Cargo-handling services (CPC 741)	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
(b) Storage and warehouse services (CPC 742)	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) Unbound due to lack of technical feasibility 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	
(c),(d) Freight transport agency services, including other auxiliary transport services, excluding local pick up and delivery (CPC 748 + part of 749)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I	

Annex

Switzerland : Additional Commitments on Basic Telecommunications

Scope

The following are definitions and principles on the regulatory framework for the basic telecommunications services.

Definitions

Users mean service consumers and service suppliers.

Essential facilities mean facilities of a public telecommunications transport network or service that

- (a) are exclusively or predominantly provided by a single or limited number of suppliers; and
- (b) cannot feasibly be economically or technically substituted in order to provide a service.

A major supplier is a supplier which has the ability to materially affect the terms of participation (having regard to price and supply) in the relevant market for basic telecommunications services as a result of:

- (a) control over essential facilities; or
- (b) use of its position in the market.

1. Competitive safeguards

1.1 Prevention of anti-competitive practices in telecommunications

Appropriate measures shall be maintained for the purpose of preventing suppliers who, alone or together, are a major supplier from engaging in or continuing anti-competitive practices.

1.2. Safeguards

The anti-competitive practices referred to above shall include in particular:

- (a) engaging in anti-competitive cross-subsidization;
- (b) using information obtained from competitors with anti-competitive results; and
- (c) not making available to other services suppliers on a timely basis technical information about essential facilities and commercially relevant information which are necessary for them to provide services.

2. Interconnection

2.1. This section applies to linking with suppliers providing public telecommunications transport networks or services in order to allow the users of one supplier to communicate with users of another supplier and to access services provided by another supplier, where specific commitments are undertaken.

2.2. Interconnection to be ensured

Interconnection with a major supplier will be ensured at any technically feasible point in the network. Such interconnection is provided

- (a) under non-discriminatory terms, conditions (including technical standards and specifications) and rates and of a quality no less favourable than that provided for its own like services or for like services of non-affiliated service suppliers or for its subsidiaries or other affiliates;
- (b) in a timely fashion, on terms, conditions (including technical standards and specifications) and cost-oriented rates that are transparent, reasonable, having regard to economic feasibility, and sufficiently unbundled so that the supplier need not pay for network components or facilities that it does not require for the service to be provided; and
- (c) upon request, at points in addition to the network termination points offered to the majority of users, subject to charges that reflect the cost of construction of necessary additional facilities.

2.3. Public availability of the procedures for interconnection negotiations

The procedures applicable for interconnection to a major supplier will be made publicly available.

2.4. Transparency of interconnection arrangements

It is ensured that any supplier with a dominant position will make publicly available either its interconnection agreements or a reference interconnection offer.

2.5. Interconnection: dispute settlement

A service supplier requesting interconnection with a major supplier will have recourse, either:

- (a) at any time or
- (b) after a reasonable period of time which has been made publicly known

to an independent domestic body, which may be a regulatory body as referred to in paragraph 5 below, to resolve disputes regarding appropriate terms, conditions and rates for interconnection within a reasonable period of time, to the extent that these have not been established previously.

3. Universal service

Any Member has the right to define the kind of universal service obligation it wishes to maintain. Such obligations will not be regarded as anti-competitive per se, provided they are administered in a transparent, non-discriminatory and competitively neutral manner and are not more burdensome than necessary for the kind of universal service defined by the Member.

4. Public availability of licensing criteria

Where a licence is required, the following will be made publicly available:

- (a) all the licensing criteria and the period of time normally required to reach a decision concerning an application for a licence and
- (b) the terms and conditions of individual licences.

The reasons for the denial of a licence will be made known to the applicant upon request.

5. Independent regulators

The regulatory body is separate from, and not accountable to, any supplier of basic telecommunications services. The decisions of and the procedures used by regulators shall be impartial with respect to all market participants.

6. Allocation and use of scarce resources

Any procedures for the allocation and use of scarce resources, including frequencies, numbers and rights of way, will be carried out in an objective, timely, transparent and non-discriminatory manner. The current state of allocated frequency bands will be made publicly available, but detailed identification of frequencies allocated for specific government uses is not required.

SWITZERLAND – FINAL LIST OF ARTICLE II (MFN) EXEMPTIONS

Sector or Subsector	Description of measure indicating its inconsistency with Article II	Countries to which the measure applies	Intended duration	Conditions creating the need for the exemption
Distribution services	To grant work permits, without certain limitations, to employees of establishments of enterprises of member countries of the Convention establishing the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), the establishment's activity being commerce in goods	Members of EFTA	Indefinite	Flanking measure to the provisions on free trade in goods under the EFTA Agreement
Audiovisual services	To confer national treatment to audiovisual works covered by bilateral or plurilateral agreements on coproduction in the field of audiovisual works, in particular in relation to access to funding and to distribution	All countries with whom cultural cooperation may be desirable (at present agreements exist with member countries of the Council of Europe and with Canada)	Indefinite	Promotion of common cultural objectives

Sector or Subsector	Description of measure indicating its inconsistency with Article II	Countries to which the measure applies	Intended duration	Conditions creating the need for the exemption
	Measures granting the benefit of support programmes, such as MEDIA and EURIMAGES, and measures relating to the allocation of screen time which implement arrangements such as the Council of Europe Convention on Transfrontier Television and confer national treatment, to audiovisual works and/or to suppliers of audiovisual services meeting specific European origin criteria	European countries	Indefinite	Promotion of cultural objectives based on longstanding cultural links
Audiovisual services	Concessions for the operation of radio or television broadcast stations may be granted, normally on the basis of bilateral agreements, to persons of countries other than Switzerland	All countries with whom cultural cooperation may be desirable	Indefinite	Promotion of common cultural objectives, and to regulate access to a market limited in scale (given the size of Switzerland) in order to preserve diversity of supply
Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance)	To allow persons established in the Principality of Liechtenstein, without requiring a commercial presence in Switzerland, to participate in settlement and clearing network and to lead-manage Swiss franc denominated issues	Principality of Liechtenstein	Indefinite	Measures ensuing from the monetary union between Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein

Sector or Subsector	Description of measure indicating its inconsistency with Article II	Countries to which the measure applies	Intended duration	Conditions creating the need for the exemption
Internal waterways transport	To allow transport services on the Rhine including cabotage to vessels registered in countries other than Switzerland on the basis of the Mannheim Convention (including related additional articles and protocols) and other agreements on internal waterways transport in Europe	Beneficiaries of the Mannheim Convention and other agreements relating to internal waterways transport in Europe to which Switzerland may be a member (at present members of EC)	Indefinite	To regulate transport capacity on inland waterways
CRS and sales and marketing of air transport services	Measures based on Article 7 of the revised Code of Conduct of the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC), whereby the obligations of CRS system vendors or of parent and participating air carriers shall not apply where equivalent treatment to that applied under the revised Code of Conduct is not accorded in the country of origin of the parent carrier of the system vendor	All countries where a CRS system vendor or a parent air carrier is located	Indefinite	The need for the exemption results from the insufficient development of multilaterally agreed rules for the operation of CRS

Sector or Subsector	Description of measure indicating its inconsistency with Article II	Countries to which the measure applies	Intended duration	Conditions creating the need for the exemption
Road transport services (passenger and freight)	To allow, on the basis of mutual access to the market, transport services by vehicles registered in countries other than Switzerland to undertake transportation of goods and/or passengers in, into, out of, or in transit through Swiss territory, normally based on bilateral agreements	All countries with whom bilateral agreements on road transport or other arrangements relating to road transport exist or may be desirable (at present approximately 30 countries)	Exemption needed until multilateral liberalization of road transport services, taking into account regional specificity and environmental effects of road transport, will have been agreed upon	To take into account regional specificity of the provision of road transport services and to protect the integrity of road infrastructure and environment
Road transport services (freight)	To allocate transit quota for perishable or otherwise urgent cargo by trucks heavier than 28 tons registered in countries other than Switzerland in case capacity of combined transport is exhausted	EC	To be reviewed 12 years after entry into force of the bilateral agreement between Switzerland and EC	To protect the integrity of road infrastructure and of the environment
All sectors	To mutually grant permits of temporary stay and permanent residency in the territory of the parties, without certain limitations, to citizens of the parties of the agreements on temporary stay and permanent residency between Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein	Principality of Liechtenstein	Indefinite	Flanking measure to customs, monetary and postal union between Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein

Sector or Subsector	Description 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	Preferential treatment accorded to nationals of countries other than Switzerland, belonging to traditional recruiting areas according to Swiss legislation on immigration, when granting permits for entry, stay and work in Switzerland (year round resident, short time resident, seasonal workers) to natural persons providing services other than essential persons as defined in the Swiss Schedule of Specific Commitments on trade in services (part I: horizontal commitments); and measures based on bilateral agreements between the European Community and/or its Member States and/or EFTA States, and Switzerland, with the objective of providing for the movement of all categories of natural persons supplying services.	EC and EFTA countries	Indefinite	To regulate immigration into Switzerland by measures based on longstanding links with traditional recruiting areas