

MODIFICATIONS TO APPENDIX I OF JAPAN

Notifications from Japan under Article XXIV:6(a)

The following notifications from the Permanent Mission of Japan were received on 29 June and 7 July respectively, with the request that they be circulated to the Parties to the Agreement on Government Procurement (1994). In accordance with Article XXIV:6(a), any Party with an objection to the proposed changes is invited to notify the Secretariat within 30 days from the date of issue of this document.¹

Pursuant to Article XXIV, paragraph 6(a) of the Agreement on Government Procurement, the Government of Japan wishes to notify the Committee on Government procurement the rectifications of a purely formal or minor nature mentioned below to the Lists in Annexes 1 and 3 of Appendix I for Japan of the Agreement on Government Procurement.

Lists in Annex 1:

Add "- Financial Supervisory Agency".

This rectification is based on the fact that "Financial Supervisory Agency" was founded on 22 June 1998 by separating certain functions of the Ministry of Finance, thereby in effect not altering the coverage provided in this Agreement.

Lists in Annex 3:

Delete "- Small Enterprise Retirement Allowance Mutual Aid Corporation" and "- Construction, the Sake Brewing Industry and Forestry Retirement Allowance Mutual Aid Association".

Add "- Organization for Workers' Retirement Allowance Mutual Aid".

This rectification is based on the fact that "Small Enterprise Retirement Allowance Mutual Aid Corporation" and "Construction, the Sake Brewing Industry and Forestry Retirement Allowance Mutual Aid Association" were merged to form "Organization for Workers' Retirement Allowance Mutual Aid" on 4 June 1998. This does not in effect alter the coverage provided in this Agreement.

¹ Article XXIV:6(a) provides that "if the rectifications, transfers or other modifications are of a purely formal or minor nature, they shall become effective provided there is no objection within 30 days. In other cases, the Chairman of the Committee shall promptly convene a meeting of the Committee. The Committee shall consider the proposal and any claim for compensatory adjustments, with a view to maintaining a balance of rights and obligations and a comparable level of mutually agreed coverage provided in this Agreement prior to such notification. In the event of agreement not being reached, the matter may be pursued in accordance with the provisions contained in Article XXII".

Pursuant to Article XXIV, paragraph 6(a) of the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement, the Government of Japan wishes to notify the Committee on Government Procurement the following rectification of a purely formal nature relating to Annex 3 in Appendix I of the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement.

Lists in Annex 3:

Delete "- Institute of Developing Economics" from "List of Entities" regarding supplies and "List of Entities which procure the services, specified in Annex 4".

This rectification is based on the fact that, as of 1 July 1998, "Institute of Developing Economics" was merged to "Japan External Trade Organization", which is already listed in Annex 3 in Appendix I of this Agreement. Therefore, this rectification does not alter the level of mutually agreed coverage provided in this Agreement.
