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Offer in Services

The Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has submitted the following offer in services with the request that it be circulated to members of the Working Party.

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

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I. HORIZONTAL COMMITMENTS			
All sectors included in this schedule			
	<p>(3) Non-Jordanians may own up to 50% of any project or economic activity subject to the provision of other laws.</p> <p>Investors may be granted licenses only if their projects are approved by the Ministry of Industry and Trade and/or the appropriate line Ministry.</p> <p>In certain sectors, commercial presence may be modified by a professional or nationality requirement.</p> <p>(3) A company is Jordanian if it is established and registered in Jordan, regardless of the nationality of its owners. All references hereunder to Jordanian companies are to such locally constituted entities.</p> <p>A company is foreign if it is registered abroad and has its center of operation outside Jordan. Such companies must have a special registration status in Jordan. Foreign companies may have operating branches in Jordan or may only maintain representative offices.</p> <p>The Following are the company forms available in Jordan:</p> <p><u>Public shareholding companies:</u> Those are publicly traded, and liability is limited to the value of the stocks.</p>	<p>(3) Foreign investments may not be less than JD 50,000 with the exception of investments in public share-holding companies. Foreign investments are to be granted national treatment, unless otherwise stipulated by sectoral laws.</p> <p>(3) Branches of foreign firms operating in Jordan require approval of line ministries.</p>	

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	<p><u>Private limited liability companies:</u> Those are closely traded, and liability is limited to the value of the stocks</p> <p><u>Simple partnerships:</u> Those involve two kinds of partners. Unlimited liability partners and limited liability partners. Limited liability partners are not issued stocks.</p> <p><u>Limited Partnerships:</u> Those involve two kinds of partners. Unlimited liability partners and limited liability partners. Stocks are issued for the limited partners.</p> <p><u>General Partnerships:</u> Those involve only unlimited liability partners.</p> <p>Companies in sectors where service provision is granted by concession must be Public Shareholding Companies.</p>	<p>(3) Unbound. The purchase, sale or rental of immovable assets by non-Jordanian persons is subject to the prior consent of the Cabinet of Ministers. All purchases by juridical entities are also subject to the Cabinet of Ministers' approval.</p> <p>(3) Authorization for purchase or lease of state owned lands is restricted to Jordanian nationals.</p>	

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	<p>(4) Non-Jordanians seeking work in Jordan as investors or employees need to obtain temporary residency permits. Foreign experts whose work- stay is less than three months are exempt from residency permit requirement. Jordan does not grant non-Jordanians permanent residency status.</p>	<p>(4) Only Jordanians are granted tax exemptions for dependents who are students.</p>	
	<p>(4) Unbound except for measures concerning the entry and temporary stay of a natural person who falls in one of the following categories: <u>Business visitors:</u> A natural person who stays in Jordan without acquiring remuneration from within Jordan and without engaging in making direct sales to the general public or supplying services, for the purposes of participating in business meetings, business contacts including negotiations for the sale of services and/or other similar activities including those to prepare for establishing a commercial presence in Jordan. Entry and stay shall be for a period of no more than 90 days. <u>Intra Corporate Transferees</u> Natural persons of another Member who have been employed by juridical entity's of another member for a period of not less than one year and who seek temporary stay in order to render services to (i) the same juridical entity which is engaged in substantive business operation in Jordan or</p>		

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	<p>(ii) a juridical entity constituted in Jordan and engaged in substantive business operation in Jordan which is owned by or controlled by or affiliated with the aforementioned juridical entity. Market test requirement.</p> <p>Residency and work permits are issued for a maximum of a one-year period but are subject to renewal.</p> <p><u>Executives</u></p> <p>Natural persons employed by a juridical entity who primarily direct the management of the juridical entity or establish goals and policies for the juridical entity or a major component or function of the juridical entity, exercise wide latitude in decision making, and receive only general supervision or direction from higher level executives, the board of directors, or stock holders of the juridical entity. Market test requirement.</p> <p><u>Managers</u></p> <p>Natural persons employed by a juridical entity who direct the juridical entity, or department or sub-division of the juridical entity, supervise and control the work of other supervisory, professional or managerial employees, have the authority</p>		

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	<p>to hire and fire or recommend hiring, firing, or other personnel actions and exercise discretionary authority over day-to-day operations at a senior level. Market test requirement.</p> <p><u>Specialists</u></p> <p>Natural persons employed by a juridical entity who possess knowledge at an advanced level of expertise and who possess proprietary knowledge of a juridical entity product, service, research , equipment, techniques, or management. Market test requirement.</p> <p><u>Professionals</u></p> <p>Natural persons seeking to engage, as part of services contract obtained by juridical entity of another Member in the activity at a professional level. The person must possess the necessary academic credentials and professional qualifications which have been duly recognized, where appropriate by the professional association in Jordan. Market test requirement.</p> <p>Temporary entry and stay shall be for the period of up to 90 days or the time necessary to complete the services contract, whichever is less. Such persons may not engage in secondary employment while in Jordan.</p> <p>All categories of non-Jordanians need work permits to take up employment offers in Jordan.</p>		

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	Permits for all categories are granted on the basis of an economic needs test, i.e. to candidates whose qualifications are not available in Jordanians or those who are seeking work in fields in which Jordanians are in short supply. Temporary work and residency permits are issued for a maximum period of one year, but are renewable.		
II. SECTOR-SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS			
A. BUSINESS SERVICES			
1. Professional Services			
(a) Legal services (CPC 861)	(1) Unbound. (2) None.	(1) Unbound. (2) None.	
	(3) (a) Access restricted to lawyers, as natural persons or in general partnerships. Legal practice in Jordan must be through a single office. Branching not allowed. (b) A lawyer may not be the legal agent of a total of more than 5 companies and/or agencies, and/or branches. In any case, a lawyer may not be the legal agent of more than 2 publicly held companies simultaneously. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	(3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
(b) Accounting, auditing, and bookkeeping services (CPC862)	<u>Auditing</u> (1) Unbound. (2) None. (3) Access restricted to auditors, as natural persons or in general partnerships. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	(1) Unbound. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	

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h. Medical services (CPC 9312)	(1) Unbound. (2) None. (3) Access is restrto physicians. (4) Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section. Minister of Health may grant visiting doctors one-month permits to practice for a specific purpose.	(1) Unbound. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Physicians Association pensions and social security program is available for Jordanians only. Association's registration and annual membership fees for non-Jordanians is higher.	
(j) Services provided by midwives, nurses, physiotherapists (CPC 93191)	<u>Midwives and Nurses</u> (1) Unbound. (2) None. (3) Unbound. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section. Access for non-Jordanians is by permission of Minister of Health. <u>Physiotherapists</u> (1)Unbound. (2) None. (3) Establishment is required for providing the service. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section	(1) Unbound. (2) None. (3) Unbound. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section. (1) Unbound. (2) None. (3) Unbound. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	

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(k) Other	<u>Pharmacists</u> (1) Unbound. (2) None (3) Access restricted to pharmacists as natural persons or in general partnership. Only one outlet per pharmacist allowed. The total number of service suppliers depends on the requirement of an economic needs test (main criteria: geographical location, population). (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section. Assistant pharmacists must be Jordanian.	(1) Unbound. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
B. Computer and related services			
(a) Consultancy services related to the installation of computer hardware (CPC 841) (b) Software implementation services (CPC 842) (c) Data processing services (CPC 843) (d) Data base services (CPC 844)	(1) None. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	(1) None. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
C. Research and development services			
(b) R & D services on social sciences and humanities (CPC 852)	(1) None. (2) None. (3) None, except for ownership of periodical publications that is restricted to Jordanian natural persons or Jordanian juridical entities wholly owned by Jordanians. Owners of periodical publications may not receive funding from non-Jordanian sources.	(1) None. (2) None. (3) None.	

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	(4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section. Director of research center must be Jordanian.	(4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
D. Real estate services			
(a) Real estate services involving own or leased property (CPC 8210)	(1) Unbound. (2) None. (3) Access restricted to Jordanian natural persons. Establishment required. Juridical entities may not engage in trading in real estate. However, Juridical entities registered in and having commercial presence in Jordan and which are in the business of real estate development, may, subject to Cabinet's approval, acquire vacant land for purposes of development and subsequent sale or lease as commercial or residential properties. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section. Real estate agents must be Jordanian. Licensed surveyors employed by real estate offices must be Jordanian.	(1) Unbound. (2) None. (3)None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
E. Rental/leasing service without operators			
(a) Leasing or rental services concerning ships without operators (CPC 83103)	(1) Unbound. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	(1) Unbound. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	

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F. Other business services			
(a) Advertising services (CPC 871)	(1) Unbound. (2) None. (3) Access restricted to Jordanian natural persons and partnerships with majority Jordanian ownership, or private or public limited companies with Jordanians as majority in board of directors. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section. Director of advertising agency must be Jordanian.	(1) Unbound. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
(b) Market research (CPC 86401) (c) Management consulting service (CPC 865) (d) Services related to management consulting (CPC 866)	(1) Unbound. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	(1) Unbound. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
Public Opinion Polling Services (CPC 86402)	(1) Unbound. (2) None. (3) None, except for ownership of periodical publications that is restricted to Jordanian natural persons or Jordanian juridical entities wholly owned by Jordanians. Owners of periodical publications may not receive funding from non-Jordanian sources. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section. Director of public opinion bureau must be Jordanian.	(1) Unbound. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	

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(e) Technical testing and analysis services (CPC 8676)	(1) None (2) None (3) None. However, accredited government and academic institution labs carry out compulsory testing of goods, food and medication. Compulsory geo-technical site and soil tests are carried by qualified engineering firms. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	(1) None. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section	
(s) Convention services (CPC 87909)	(1) None. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section	(1) None. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section	
2. COMMUNICATION SERVICES			
B. Courier services (7512)	(1) Unbound. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section	(1) Unbound. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section	
C. Telecommunication Services			
Local, domestic long distance and international services infrastructure base, for the public:			
(a) Voice telephone services (d) Telex services (e) Telegraph services (f) Facsimile services (g) Private leased circuit services Fixed satellite (voice, data) services	(1) Unbound. (2) Unbound. (3) Jordan Telecommunications Company (JTC) has the exclusive right until the end of December 2002. Authorities will consider the feasibility of new suppliers in addition to JTC after end of December 2002. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	(1) Unbound. (2) Unbound. (3) Unbound. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	

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(b) Packet- s (c) Circuit- switched data transmission services (h) Electronic mail internet (excluding voice telephone and facsimile services) (j) On-line information and data base-retrieval. (CPC 7523)	(1) None. (2) None. (3) Service provided only over circuits leased from JTC. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	(1) None (2) None (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
(o) Other			
Mobile telephone services (land based GSM)	(1) Unbound. (2) Unbound. (3) Duopoly will be maintained until 1 January 2001. Thereafter, licensing is subject to an economic needs test (criteria: population, geographic location and number of businesses to be served). (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section	(1) Unbound. (2) Unbound. (3) Unbound. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
Paging Services (land based)	(1) Unbound. (2) Unbound. (3) The total number of service suppliers is subject to an economic needs test (criteria: population, geographic location, and number of businesses to be served). (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	(1) Unbound. (2) Unbound. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	

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Public pay-phone services (booth services)	(1) Unbound. (2) Unbound. (3) Limitation on the total number of service suppliers is subject to an economic needs test (criteria: population, geographic location, and number of businesses to be served). (4)Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	(1) Unbound. (2) Unbound. (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
Global Mobile Personal Communication System (GMPCS)	(1) None. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section	(1) None. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section	
5. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES			
A. Primary educational services (CPC 921) B. Secondary educational services (CPC 922)	(1) Unbound. (2) None (3) The total number of service suppliers depends on the requirement of an economic needs test (main criteria: geographical location, population). (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	(1) Unbound. (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
C. Higher educational services (CPC 923)	(1) None. (2) None (3) The total number of services suppliers depends on the requirement of an economic needs test (main criteria: geographical location, population, and specialization). (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	(1) None. (2) None (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	

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D. Adult education Services (CPC 924)	(1) None. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section. Director of adult education center must be Jordanian.	(1) None. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
6. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES			
C. Sanitation and similar services (CPC 9403)	(1) Unbound.* (2) Unbound. (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section..	(1) Unbound.* (2) Unbound. (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
7. FINANCIAL SERVICES			
A. Insurance and insurance – related services (CPC 812)			
(a) Life, insurance services including health insurance services (CPC 81211) and (CPC 81212) excluding pension fund management (b) Non- life insurance services (CPC 8129)	(1) Unbound. (2) Unbound. (3) Foreign firms are granted access through a single branch. Jordanian insurance companies must be Public Limited Companies. Licensing for new insurance companies is subject to an economic needs test (main criteria: population, geographical location, number of businesses served, and type and quality of services provided).	(1) Unbound. (2) Unbound. (3) Minimum capital requirement for foreign insurance firms in Jordan should be at least twice the amount required of Jordanian firms. Security deposits placed by foreign firms should be double that placed by Jordanian firms for all types of insurance	

* Due to lack of technical feasibility.

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	(4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section. All non-specialist employees of insurance firms must be Jordanian. The number of foreign specialists employed in any firm is subject to a demonstrable needs test. Branch managers of foreign firms must be Jordanian.	(4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
(c) Reinsurance and retrocession (CPC 81299)	(1) Unbound. (2) Unbound. (3) Foreign firms are granted access through a single branch. Jordanian reinsurance companies must be Public Limited Companies. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in horizontal section.	(1) Unbound. (2) Unbound. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in horizontal section.	
(d) Auxiliary Services (CPC 8140)			
Agency Services (excluding broking) (CPC 81401)	(1) Unbound. (2) Unbound. (3) Access restricted to Jordanian natural persons, Jordanian general partnerships with majority ownership by Jordanians, and private or public limited companies with Jordanians as majority in board of directors. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section. Insurance agent or director of agent company must be Jordanian.	(1) Unbound. (2) Unbound. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in horizontal section.	

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Average and loss adjustment services (CPC 81403)	(1) Unbound. (2) Unbound. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in horizontal section.	(1) Unbound. (2) Unbound. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in horizontal section.	
Actuarial services (CPC 81404)	(1) None. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in horizontal section.	(1) None. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in horizontal section.	
B. Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance and financial markets).			
(a) Acceptance of deposits and other repayable funds from the public (CPC 81115-81119) (b) All payment and money transmission services (CPC 81339)	(1) None. (2) None. (3) Service must be provided through banks only. Foreign banks may be granted access through a single branch. Further branching and entrance of new service providers are subject to the Central Bank's approval on the basis of an economic needs test (criteria: geographic location, number of businesses and population to be served). Jordanian banks must be public shareholding companies (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section. Branches of foreign banks are required to have a resident regional manager. Foreign employees are required to obtain the Central Bank's approval to work in any bank. Access for any foreign employee is based on a demonstrable needs test.	(1) Real property in Jordan may not be mortgaged to banks outside Jordan. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	

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(b) Lending of all types including consumer credit, mortgage credit, and financing of commercial transaction (excluding factoring) (CPC 8113)	<p>(1) None.</p> <p>(2) None.</p> <p>(3) Service must be provided through:</p> <p>(a) Banks: Foreign banks may be granted access through a single branch. Further branching and entrance of new service providers are subject to the Central Bank's approval on the basis of an economic needs test (criteria: geographic location, number of businesses and population to be served). Jordanian banks must be public shareholding companies.</p> <p>(b) Specialized lending institutions: Licensing for specialized lending institutions is subject to the Cabinet's approval.</p> <p>(4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section. Branches of foreign banks are required to have a resident regional manager. Foreign employees are required to obtain the Central Bank's approval to work in any bank. Access for any foreign employee is based on a demonstrable needs test.</p>	<p>(1) Real property in Jordan may not be mortgaged to banks outside Jordan.</p> <p>(2) None.</p> <p>(3) None.</p> <p>(4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.</p>	

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<p>(f) Trading for own account or for account of customers, whether on an exchange, in an over-the-counter market or otherwise, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Money market instruments (cheques, bills and certificates of deposits) (CPC 81339) - Exchange rate and interest rate instruments, including products such as swaps and forward rate agreements (CPC 81339) - Transferable securities (CPC 81321) <p>Other negotiable instruments and financial assets, including bullion (CPC 81339)</p>	<p>(1) None. (2) None. (3) Service must be provided through banks and licensed financial services companies. Banks and financial service companies must be public shareholding companies. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in horizontal section.</p>	<p>(1) None. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in horizontal section.</p>	
<p>(k) Advisory and other auxiliary financial services, specifically investment and portfolio research and advice Financial advisory services provided by financial advisors to customers on financial matters, such as stock exchange investment and personal financial planning (CPC 81332) Provision and transfer of financial information as related to the stock exchange market and financial data processing and related software by providers of other financial services (CPC 8131)</p>	<p>(1) Unbound. (2) None (3) Access restricted to: (a) Licensed financial services companies in the forms of a public shareholding company, private limited liability company or simple partnership. (b) Ban which must be public shareholding companies. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.</p>	<p>(1) Unbound. (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.</p>	

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Services related to securities markets (CPC 8132)			
Securities broking services (CPC 81321) Portfolio management (CPC 81323)	(1) Unbound. (2) None (3) Access restricted to: Licensed financial services companies, in the forms of public shareholding company, private limited liability company or simple partnership. A licensed bank through affiliated companies or separate accounts. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section. Access is restricted to a licensed and Accredited Financial Professional.	(1) Unbound. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
Securities issue and registration service (CPC 81322)	(1) Unbound. (2) None. (3) Service must be provided through banks and licensed financial services companies. Banks and financial services companies must be public shareholding companies. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section. Access is restricted to a licensed and Accredited Financial Professional.	(1) Unbound. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
Other services related to securities markets (CPC 81329)	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	

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Other financial intermediation services other than insurance and pension fund services (CPC 8119)			
Closed end investments trust services (CPC 81191) Open ended investment and other trust services (CPC 81193)	(1) Unbound (3) None (3) Access restricted to: Licensed financial services companies, in the form of public shareholding company, private limited liability company or simple partnership. A licensed bank through affiliated companies or separate accounts. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section. Access is restricted to a licensed and Accredited Financial Professional.	(1) Unbound (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
8. HEALTH RELATED & SOCIAL SERVICES (other than those listed under 1.A.)			
A. Hospital services (CPC 9311) C. Social services (CPC 933). Specifically, these are nursing homes, convalescent homes, rehabilitation centers	(1) Unbound. (2) Unbound. (3) The total number of service suppliers depends on the requirement of an economic needs test. (Criteria: geographical location, population, and specialization). All commercial forms are allowed but subject to following disciplines: - In sole proprietorships, owner must be a physician. - In partnerships or private limited companies, one of the owners must be a physician.	(1) Unbound. (2)Unbound. (3) None.	

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	(4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section. At least three quarters of physicians in any hospital or nursing or convalescent homes must be Jordanian; at least half of all staff must be Jordanians.	(4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
B. Other human health services, specifically medical labs (CPC 93199)	(1) Unbound. (2) Unbound. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section. Lab director must be Jordanian.	(1) Unbound. (2) Unbound. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
9. TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES			
A. Hotel & motel lodging services, excluding casinos (CPC 6411 & 6412)	(1) None. (2) None. (3) The total number of service suppliers depends on the requirement of an economic needs test (main criteria: geographical location, increase in the numbers & categories of tourists). (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	(1) None. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
Meal serving services with full restaurant services (excluding transport facilities) (CPC 6421) Meal serving services in self-serving facilities (cafeterias) (CPC 6422) Beverage serving services for consumption on the premises, excluding casinos (CPC 643)	(1) None. (2) None. (3) The total number of service suppliers depends on the requirement of an economic needs test (main criteria: geographical location, increase in the numbers & categories of tourists). Jordanian juridical entity is required for franchising. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section	(1) None. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	

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Sector or subsector	Limitations on market access	Limitations on national treatment	Additional commitments
Caterer services providing meals to outside (CPC 6423). Institutional Food Service caterers(with the exception of Airport and airline catering facilities which are confined only to the national air carriers)	(1) None. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	(1) None. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
Tourism related conventions	(1) None (2) None (3) The total number of service suppliers depends on the requirement of an economic needs test (main criteria: geographical location, increase in the numbers & categories of tourists). (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	(1) None. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
10. RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SPORTING SERVICES(Other than audio-visual services)			
A. Entertainment services (CPC 96191):			
Theatrical producer, singer group, bands and orchestra entertainment services	(1) Unbound* (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section. Non-Jordanian performing artists and troupes need licenses from Minister of Culture to perform in Jordan.	(1) Unbound* (2) None. (3) None (4) Professional association may charge fees at a higher rate for non-Jordanians.	
Circus troupes (CPC 96194)	(1) Unbound. (2) None. (3) Foreign circus shows must come through a registered Jordanian sports club. Permits are limited to a three-month period. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in horizontal section.	(1) Unbound. (2) None. (3) None. (4)Unbound, except as indicated in horizontal section.	

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B. News Agency Services (CPC 962)			
Foreign News Agencies:	(1) None. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section. Practice of any journalistic activity is restricted to Jordanians. This includes editing, writing, reporting, photography, illustrating, commentary, translation and or/teaching journalism. However, nationality requirement does not apply to correspondents of foreign news agencies. Correspondents of foreign news agencies may not be persons with diplomatic immunity.	(1) None. (2) None. (3)None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
C. Libraries, archives, museums and other cultural services (CPC 963)			
Museum services (except for historical sites and buildings) (CPC 96321)	(1) None. (2) None. (3)None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	(1) None. (2) None. (3)None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
D. Sporting and other recreational services			
Health and fitness clubs:	(1) Unbound* (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	(1) Unbound*. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	

* Due to lack of technical feasibility

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11. TRANSPORT SERVICES			
A. Maritime Transport Services: Transport services by Sea –going vessels (CPC 721)			
(a) Passenger transportation (CPC 7211) (b) Freight transportation (CPC 7212)	(1) None, but all ships docking in Jordan must have a local Port Agent. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in horizontal section. 1/5 of crew on Jordanian ships must be Jordanian. Shipmaster, ship officers and technical staff must be Jordanian, unless otherwise dictated by necessity. Jordanian ships are ships registered in Jordan.	(1) Unbound. (2) None (3) Service fees for pilotage, berthing and docking are 10% less for Jordanian ships. Jordanian ships are exempt from any Port dues anchoring in Jordanian territorial waters. Jordanian ships enjoy preferential treatment in prices of bunker provided at the Aqaba Port. Jordanian ships are ships registered in Jordan. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in horizontal section.	
(c) Rental services of sea-going vessels with operator (CPC 7213)	(1) Unbound. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	(1) Unbound. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
(d) Maintenance and repair of vessels (CPC 8868)	(1) Unbound. (2) None. (3) Access restricted to Jordanian natural or juridical entities. One of the Jordanian owners must possess the required technical qualifications. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	(1) Unbound. (2) None. (3) None. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	

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Shipping Agents:	(1) Unbound. (2) None. (3) Access restricted to Jordanian natural or juridical entities. (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	(1) Unbound (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	

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
Horizontal Measures				
All sectors: Establishment	Preferential treatment (such as or other than measures arising due to customs unions, free trade areas, common markets, monetary unions and any such arrangements) is granted to investors through the means of bilateral encouragement and protection of investment treaties. This does not affect tax measures.	Malaysia, Italy, Egypt, Algeria, Indonesia, Tunisia, Romania, Czech Republic, Germany, Holland, Poland, France, Switzerland, United States of America, United Kingdom, Turkey, Yemen, United Arab Emirates and Morocco.	Indefinite	Foster investment in Jordan and the signatory party.
All sectors: Establishment	Investments wholly owned by Arabs are granted national treatment.	All Arab nationals, and Palestinians	Indefinite	To foster investment and expansion of trade between Jordan and other Arab countries.
All Sectors: Movement of natural persons	Entrance to Jordan of Arab investors, their families, and workers is facilitated. Arab workers are granted priority in job assignments after Jordanian workers. Service providers' fees discriminate between Arab and non-Arab service providers. Annual permit fees in all sectors are higher for non-Arabs.	Nationals of Arab Countries and Palestinians	Indefinite	To promote bilateral Arab investment and trade relations

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All sectors: Taxation measures	Non-Jordanians who are nationals of countries with which Jordan has treaties to avoid double taxation are also granted additional tax exemptions. For the last four countries, treaties cover only income arising from air transport activities is included.	Turkey, Tunisia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Italy, Kuwait, Iraq, and Oman.	Indefinite	Prevention of double taxation; foreign policy considerations.
All sectors: Land use	All leasing or purchasing of land by non-Arab natural or juridical persons is subject to a reciprocity requirement and Cabinet approval.	All but nationals of Arab countries who need Cabinet approval only for certain purchases.	Indefinite	Public and Foreign policy, and security considerations.
All sectors: Land use	Ex-Jordanians, Palestinians and Arab nationals may purchase property outside municipalities for the purpose of establishing projects in tourism, industry, and residential and housing fields. Again all such purchases are subject to Cabinet's approval upon recommendation of the relevant authority.	Ex-Jordanians, Palestinians, and nationals of Arab countries.	Indefinite	Security and public policy considerations.
All sectors: Conduct of business	Non-Jordanian natural or juridical persons may be granted membership to chambers of commerce, an obligatory condition to practice commercial activities in Jordan, only if their countries grant Jordanians reciprocal treatment.	All	Indefinite	Need to guarantee reciprocal opportunity for Jordanians in business activities abroad.

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Specific Sectors				
Legal services	Access to the bar for non-Jordanians is restricted to Arab nationals, whose countries grant Jordanian lawyers reciprocal treatment.	All Arab countries.	Indefinite	Need to guarantee reciprocal opportunity for Jordanians in business activities abroad.
Auditing	Access to non-Jordanians is restricted to duly qualified auditors whose countries grant reciprocal treatment to Jordanians.	All	Indefinite	Need to ensure equal access to foreign markets for Jordanian professionals.
Architectural services Engineering services Urban Planning and landscape architectural services	Arab nationals may be granted permits only if their countries grant Jordanians reciprocal treatment.	All Arab countries.	Indefinite	Need to ensure equal access to foreign markets for Jordanian professionals.
Medical and dental services	Licenses of physicians who are Arab nationals are automatically renewed annually. Non-Arab physicians (who are specialists for whom there is a demonstrable need in Jordan) need to submit a written request for annual renewal of license, subject to consideration of Ministry of Health.	All Arab countries	Indefinite	To satisfy a demonstrable need in the market.
Veterinary services	Access to non-Jordanians is restricted to qualified and resident Arab veterinarians whose countries grant reciprocal treatment to Jordanians.	All Arab countries	Indefinite	Need to ensure equal access to foreign markets for Jordanian professionals.

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Paramedical personnel; Dental technicians	Access to the practice of dental technician is restricted to Jordanians or to Arab nationals whose countries grant Jordanians reciprocal treatment.	All Arab countries	Indefinite	Need to ensure equal access to foreign markets for Jordanian professionals.
Geological engineers and geologists	Access to Geologist's Association for non-Jordanians is by Cabinet permission, and granted only to geologists whose countries grant Jordanians reciprocal access.	All	Indefinite	Need to ensure equal access to foreign markets for Jordanian professionals.
Pharmacists	Access to pharmaceutical practice by non-Jordanians is restricted to nationals of countries that grant Jordanians reciprocal access.	All	Indefinite	Need to ensure equal access to foreign markets for Jordanian professionals.
Construction and related engineering services	Arab Cooperation Council contractors enjoy priority rights for project assignments in Jordan. Palestinian contractors enjoy national treatment in Jordan.	Arab Cooperation Council Members and Palestinians.	Indefinite	Foreign policy considerations.
Insurance	Access and licensing for foreign firms to establish a branch or an agent company for insurance or reinsurance is subject to a reciprocity requirement.	All	Indefinite.	Need to ensure equal access to foreign markets for Jordanian insurance companies.

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Medical Labs	Licenses may be issued to non-Jordanians for the practice of medical testing and laboratory administration only if Jordanian nationals are granted reciprocal treatment. Exception to the reciprocity requirement may be granted to foreign directors of private hospital labs.	All	Indefinite	Need to ensure equal access to foreign markets for Jordanian medical laboratories.
Tourism	Facilitation of tourism cooperation agreements.	Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Morocco, Bahrain, Tunisia, Yemen, Libya, National Palestinian Authority, Algeria, Israel, Turkey, Italy, Iran, Romania, Pakistan, India, Russia, Portugal, Greece, France, Cyprus, and United States of America.	Indefinite	To market, facilitate and encourage travel and tourism activities.
Tourist Guides	Nationals of Arab countries may provide the service provided their country grants Jordanians reciprocal conditions.	All Arab countries.	Indefinite	Need to ensure equal access to Arab markets for Jordanian professionals.
Travel agencies and tour operator services	Companies may establish representative and service offices in Jordan to encourage tourist activities.	Italy	Indefinite	To market, facilitate and encourage travel and tourism activities.
Travel agencies and tour operator services	Transportation vehicles may provide tourist trips including shuttle services without prior licensing.	Turkey Sweden	Indefinite	Foreign policy considerations.

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News Agency Service: Press Services	Foreign news agencies may be allowed to publish newsletter by Cabinet permission, and only if Jordanian news agencies are granted reciprocal treatment.	All	Indefinite	Need to ensure equal access to foreign markets for Jordanian news agencies
Transport and transit arrangements	Facilitation of transport and transit transport agreements.	Nationals of Arab countries and Palestinians	Indefinite	Purposes of fostering trade among the Arab countries, in particular those contiguous to Jordan.
Land Transport Arrangements	Facilitation of transport and transit transport agreements.	Turkey Holland, Lebanon, Tunisia, Yemen, Qatar, Iraq, Egypt, Iran, Israel, Bulgaria, Romania, Sweden, Hungary, Former Yugoslav Republics, Czech and Slovak Republics, United Kingdom, Greece, Austria, Pakistan, Poland, Belgium, Finland, Canada, Switzerland, Palestinian National Authority, Member States of the Customs Convention on International Transport of Goods.	Indefinite	Purposes of fostering and facilitating bilateral trade among countries.