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Note: Sectors and sub-sectors are listed according to the WTO Secretariat Services Sectoral Classification List in document MTN.GNS/W/120 of 10 July 1991.

SIERRA LEONE - SCHEDULE OF SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS

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

Sector or subsector	Limitations on market access	Limitations on national treatment	Additional commitments
I. HORIZONTAL COMMITMENTS			
ALL SECTORS INCLUDED IN THIS SCHEDULE	3) Commercial Presence requires that foreign service providers incorporate or establish the business locally in accordance with the relevant provisions of Sierra Leone laws and, where applicable, regulations particularly with respect to land and building acquisition, lease, rental, etc. Foreign enterprises with investment in Sierra Leone could transfer abroad their profits in accordance with the existing regulations.	4) None, with respect to categories of persons indicated in market access. Unbound for all other categories of persons.	
	4) Unbound, except for senior management personnel and technical experts not available in the local labour market. Prior to a natural person working in Sierra Leone, a Work Permit must be obtained.		

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Modes of supply:							
1) Cross-border supply		2) Consumption abroad		3) Commercial presence		4) Presence of natural persons	
Sector or subsector		Limitations on market access		Limitations on national treatment		Additional commitments	
II. SECTOR-SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS							
1. BUSINESS SERVICES							
A. <u>Professional Services</u> (Sub-sectors a-k)		1) None	1) None				
		2) None	2) None				
		3) None, other than commercial presence must take the form of partnership. The foreign ventures shall have to be competitive and registered institutions in their own countries.	3) None				
		4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments	4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments				
B. <u>Computer Related Services</u> (Sub-sectors a-e)		1) None	1) None				
		2) None	2) None				
		3) None	3) None				
		4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments	4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments				
F. <u>Other Business Services</u>		1) None	1) None				
		2) None	2) None				

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

Sector or subsector	Limitations on market access	Limitations on national treatment	Additional commitments
2. COMMUNICATION SERVICES	3) Foreign service providers are permitted to establish service companies or institutions with Sierra Leonean partners in the form of joint ventures	3) None	
	4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments	4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments	
	1) None	1) None	
	2) None	2) None	
B. <u>Courier Services</u> (CPC 7512)	3) None	3) None	
	4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments	4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments	
	1) None	1) None	
	2) None	2) None	
3. CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED ENGINEERING SERVICES (CPC 511-518)	3) Unbound	3) Unbound	
	4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments	4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments	

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Modes of supply:		1) Cross-border supply	2) Consumption abroad	3) Commercial presence	4) Presence of natural persons
Sector or subsector		Limitations on market access		Limitations on national treatment	Additional commitments
5. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (CPC 921-929)	1)	None	1) None	1) None	
	2)	None	2) None	2) None	
	3)	Unbound	3) Unbound	3) Unbound	
	4)	Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments. Approval shall be obtained from the Ministry of Education	4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments. Qualifications are as follows: Possession of a Bachelor's degree or above, and an appropriate professional title (e.g. Professor, senior engineer or lecturer or above, etc.)	4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments	
6. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (Sub-sectors A-D)	1)	Unbound	1) Unbound	1) Unbound	
	2)	Unbound	2) Unbound	2) Unbound	
	3)	None	3) None	3) None	
	4)	Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments	4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments	4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments	

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Sector or subsector	Limitations on market access	Limitations on national treatment	Additional commitments
<p>7. FINANCIAL SERVICES</p> <p>A. <u>All insurance and insurance related services</u> (CPC 812-8140)</p>	<p>1) Unbound</p> <p>2) Unbound</p> <p>3) Qualifications for establishing a foreign insurance institution are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The investor shall be a foreign insurance company with more than 10 years of establishment; - Foreign insurance companies seeking entry into Sierra Leone are required to hold minimum assigned capital at a level twice that of minimum paid - up capital prescribed for locally incorporated insurance companies. A "letter of comfort" from the parent supervising authority may be requested to the effect that any shortfalls in solvency or liquidity of the foreign insurance company operating in Sierra Leone would be restored by remittances of funds from the home country if called upon to do so. <p>4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments</p>	<p>1) Unbound</p> <p>2) Unbound</p> <p>3) Requirement of Reinsurance: a foreign insurance institution shall make its own arrangements</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments</p>	

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1) Cross-border supply 2) Consumption abroad 3) Commercial presence 4) Presence of natural persons				
Sector or subsector	Limitations on market access		Limitations on national treatment	Additional commitments
B. <u>Banking and other financial services</u> (excluding insurance)	1) None 2) None 3) None, other than foreign banks must incorporate subsidiaries in Sierra Leone to undertake the business of banking. Branches of foreign incorporated banks seeking entry into Sierra Leone are required to hold a minimum assigned capital at a level twice that of minimum paid-up capital prescribed for locally - incorporated banks. "Letters of comfort" may be requested from the parent supervisory authority to the effect that any shortfalls in solvency or liquidity of the branch/subsidiary in Sierra Leone would be restored by remittances of funds from the home country if called upon to do so.		1) None 2) None 3) None other than assurance from the parent supervisory authority of reciprocal treatment of request for establishment of a branch or subsidiary in that country by a Sierra Leonean bank in future.	
8. HEALTH RELATED AND SOCIAL SERVICES (Sub-sectors A-D)	4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments 1) None 2) None 3) None, other than foreign service providers must be registered practioners in the appropriate disciplines.		4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments 1) None 2) None 3) None, other than qualifications shall be examined and recognized by the Ministry of Health	

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Sector or subsector	Limitations on market access		Limitations on national treatment	Additional commitments
9. TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES (Sub-sectors A-D)	4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments.	4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments	4) Qualifications required from appropriate educational establishments and minimum of two years of experience in the relevant field	
	1) None		1) None	
	2) None		2) None	
	3) None		3) None	
	4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments	4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments	4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments	
10. RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SPORTING SERVICES (other than audiovisual services) (Sub-sectors B, C, D)	1) None		1) None	
	2) None		2) None	
	3) None		3) None	
	4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments	4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments	4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments	

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Modes of supply:				
1)	2)	3)	4)	
Cross-border supply	Consumption abroad	Commercial presence	Presence of natural persons	
Sector or subsector	Limitations on market access		Limitations on national treatment	Additional commitments
11. TRANSPORT SERVICES				
A. <u>Maritime Transport Services</u> (CPC 7211-745)	1) None	1) None		
	2) None	2) None		
	3) None, other than compliance by ship-owners' representatives with the relevant laws of establishing business in Sierra Leone	3) None		
	4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments	4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments		
B. <u>Internal Waterways Transport</u> (CPC 7221-745)	1) None	1) None		
	2) None	2) None		
	3) None, other than in the form of joint venture with Sierra Leoneans	3) None		
	4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments	4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments		
C. <u>Air transport services</u> (CPC 731-746)	1) None	1) None		
	2) None	2) None		
	3) None	3) None		
	4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments	4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments		

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E. RAIL TRANSPORT SERVICES (CPC 7111-743)	1) None	1) None	Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments	1) None	
	2) None	2) None		2) None	
	3) None, other than either in the form of joint venture with the Government or Sierra Leoneans	3) None		3) None	
	4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments	4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments			
H. SERVICES AUXILIARY TO ALL MODES OF TRANSPORT (CPC 741-749)	1) None	1) None	Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments	1) None	
	2) None	2) None		2) None	
	3) None, other than in the form of joint venture with Sierra Leoneans	3) None		3) None	
	4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments	4) Unbound except as indicated in Horizontal Commitments			