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Request from the EC and its Member States (hereinafter the EC)

to

Argentina

General remarks

This request covers horizontal commitments, MFN exemptions and the following service sectors:

- Professional Services
- Business services (Other than Professional services)
- Postal and courier services
- Telecommunication services
- Construction and related engineering services
- Distribution services
- Environmental services
- Financial services
- News agency services
- Transport (air, maritime, land, other) services
- Energy services

The EC proposes that Argentina's current GATS commitments are revised in accordance with this Request. The EC is both seeking improved commitments and clarification of existing commitments as set out in this Request. The EC is furthermore looking for a reduction in scheduled limitations whether these are horizontal or sector specific in nature.

The EC further requests that commitments are entered in accordance with the scheduling guidelines adopted by the Council of Trade in Services on 23

March 2001 (S/L/92). In particular, for each commitment or limitation entered the EC requests:

- that the sector and sub-sector are clearly identified in accordance with the classification list in Document MTN.GNS/W/120 or other internationally recognised classification (e.g. Financial Services Annex) and corresponding CPC number. If this is not possible, the schedule should contain a sufficiently detailed definition to avoid any ambiguity as to the scope of the commitment.
- that any remaining limitation on market access (hereafter "MA") or on national treatment (hereafter "NT") are clearly described and only be inscribed in the market access or national treatment columns if the measure is of a nature foreseen by Articles XVI-XVII GATS.

The EC remains available to provide any clarification and answer any question on this Request. Questions can be addressed to the European Commission via the EC contact point, via the Delegation of the European Commission in Geneva, or at the following EC officials in Directorate-General Trade, Unit D2 (Trade in services, including e-commerce) :

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Note : The EC reserves the right to revise and/or supplement this Request. For each service sector, W120 classification has been followed unless expressly indicated and CPCs refer to the Provisional CPC classification. The precise scope for each sector is without prejudice to the EC's final positions on classification issues and to the EC's classification of their existing commitments.

HORIZONTAL COMMITMENTS

EC Request to Argentina

Mode 3

Unbound for acquisition of land in frontier areas (150 km. in land frontier areas and 50 km. in coastal areas).

EC Request: Eliminate this restriction as applied to coastal areas and reduce substantially the geographical area of application for land frontier areas.

Mode 4

Intra-corporate transferees :

- The EC requests that a commitment be made to allow as intra-corporate transferees without requiring an economic needs test « persons with a university degree or equivalent technical qualification who are transferring for career development purposes or to obtain training in business techniques or methods ». The maximum prior employment requirement should be one year.

Business Visitors:

- Commitments on Business Visitors entering to negotiate and/or conclude sales contracts (but not to themselves supply a service) are limited to “Managers”, “Executives” and “Specialists”. **EC Request :** Extend commitment to all such Business Visitors. The maximum length of stay should be at least 90 days in any 12 month period.

Additional commitments.

- Difficulties are experienced as a result of the length of time taken to process work and residence permits as well as with apostollisation and notorisation of documents. The EC wishes to discuss the possibility of taking additional commitments to address these issues.

Note : Mode 4 is covered horizontally in this part for all service sectors. The sectoral requests in the following pages only refer to mode 4 when specifically related to one particular service sector.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

EC Request to Argentina

Argentina has committed this sector only partially. The EC requests that this sector is committed as follows:

General

For all sub-sectors committed, there is an obligation to enrol in the relevant college under MA in modes 1, 3, 4. **EC Request:** clarify the meaning of this obligation; if this amounts to service suppliers having to retake qualifications, remove.

c. Taxation Services (CPC 863)

This sub-sector is not committed. **EC Request :**

- Modes 1, 2, 3: Take full commitments, i.e. schedule “none” under MA and NT
- Mode 4: Commit as referred to in the section “Horizontal commitments”

f. Integrated engineering services (CPC 8673)

g. Urban planning and landscape architectural services (CPC 8674)

These two sub-sectors are not committed. **EC Request** for each of these two sub-sectors:

- Modes 1, 2, 3: Take full commitments, i.e. schedule “none” under MA and NT
- Mode 4: Commit as referred to in the section “Horizontal commitments”

BUSINESS SERVICES (Other than Professional Services)

EC Request to Argentina

B. Computer and Related Services :

- **EC request:** Schedule commitments at the two-digit level – i.e. CPC 84.

In view of the rapid technological advances which have taken, and continue to take place in this sub-sector, the EC proposes to seek clarification at a multilateral level as to what services are considered to be covered under CPC Prov 84.

C. Research and Development Services :

Argentina has not committed this sector. The EC requests that it be committed as follows :

a. R&D Services on natural sciences (CPC 851)

c. Interdisciplinary R&D services. (CPC 853)

EC Request for each of the above sub-sectors :

- Modes 1 and 3 : Take full commitments, i.e. schedule "none" under MA and NT
- Mode 4 : Commit as referred to in the section "Horizontal commitments".

E. Rental and Leasing Services without Operators :

Argentina has not committed this Sector. The EC requests that it be committed as follows :

a. Relating to ships (CPC 83103)

c. Relating to other transport equipment (CPC 83101 + 83102 + 83105)

d. Relating to other machinery (CPC 83106 – 83109)

EC Request for each of the above sub-sectors :

- Modes 1, 2, 3 : Take full commitments, i.e. schedule "none" under MA and NT.
- Mode 4 : Commit as referred to in the section "Horizontal commitments".

F. Other Business Services :

NB: Requests (if any) on (h) - services incidental to mining, and (j) - services incidental to energy distribution, are covered in those sections of the request dealing with Energy Services and Construction Services

Argentina has not committed the following sub-sectors. The EC requests that they be committed as follows :

- d. Services related to management consulting (CPC 866)**
- e. Technical testing and analysis services (CPC 8676)**
- k. Placement and supply services of personnel (CPC 872)¹**
- m. Related scientific and technical consulting services (CPC 8675)**
- n. Maintenance and Repair of Equipment (not including transport equipment) (CPC 633 + 8861-8866)**
- q. Packaging Services (CPC 876)**
- r. Printing and Publishing Services (CPC 88442)**

For each of the above sub-sectors :

- Modes 1, 2, 3 : Take full commitments, i.e. schedule "none" under MA and NT.
- Mode 4 : Commit as referred to in the section "Horizontal commitments".

I. Security Services (CPC 87302 – 87309)

Argentina has not committed this sub-Sector. The EC requests that it be committed as follows :

- Mode 3 : MA - Commit with no form of establishment or equity limitation. Full NT commitment - i.e. schedule "none".
- Mode 4 : Commit as referred to in the section "Horizontal commitments".

¹ *Quantitative restriction on the number of employees that a private security firm can have – 1000.
[Nationality requirement for company directors and associates/board members.]*

POSTAL AND COURIER SERVICES

EC Request to Argentina

This request includes sub-sectors that are listed under the negotiating proposal of the EC (S/CSS/W/61). The work on the revision of classification of this sector is still underway. For this reason, the sub-sectors lack reference to CPC.

Argentina has only partially committed this sector (commitments in courier services). The EC requests Argentina to commit this sector as follows, based on the EC proposal for the revised classification of postal and courier services:

Services relating to the handling² of postal items³, whether for domestic or foreign destinations:

A. Handling of addressed written communications on any kind of physical medium⁴, including:

-Hybrid mail services

-Direct mail

B. Handling of addressed parcels and packages⁵

C. Handling of addressed press products⁶

D. Handling of items referred to in A. to C. above as registered or insured mail.

E. Express delivery services⁷ for items referred to in A. to C. above.

F. Handling of non-addressed items.

G. Document exchange.

H. Other services not elsewhere specified.

² The term “handling” should be taken to include clearance, sorting, transport and delivery.

³ “Postal item” refers to items handled by any type of commercial operator, whether public or private.

⁴ E.g. letter, postcards.

⁵ Books, catalogues are included hereunder.

⁶ Journals, newspapers, periodicals.

⁷ Express delivery services may include, in addition to greater speed and reliability, value added elements such as collection from point of origin, personal delivery to addressee, tracing and tracking, possibility of changing the destination and addressee in transit, confirmation of receipt.

EC Request for sub-sectors B., C., E., F. and G. :

- Modes 1, 2 and 3 : Undertake full commitments for market access and national treatment.
- Mode 4 : Commit as referred to in the section « Horizontal commitments ».

EC Request for sub-sectors A. and D. :

- Modes 1, 2 and 3: Undertake commitments for market access and national treatment.
- Mode 4 : Commit as referred to in the section « Horizontal commitments ».

TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

EC Request to Argentina

Argentina has only partially committed this Sector. The EC requests that this Sector is committed as follows :

All modes

The provision of satellite facilities of geostationary artificial satellites for the Fixed Satellite Service is excluded, **EC Request:** remove this exclusion.

Mode 1 - Cross-border supply

Remove restrictions on the provision of fixed satellite services.

Mode 3 – Commercial presence

The number of operators of mobile phones and Personal Communications Services is limited:

- the schedule of commitments states that in the case of PCS, the administrative authority will decide on a number of suppliers per operating area in the light of present and future needs, **EC Request:** remove this limit.
- the schedule of commitments also states that “Mobile Telephone Services are supplied under a duopolistic regime the available spectrum being assigned in all the service areas”. **EC Request:** as agreed in the previous negotiations, limitations due to spectrum availability need not be scheduled, remove this limit.

MFN exemption

Argentina has registered an MFN exemption on the provision of satellite facilities of geostationary satellites operating fixed satellite services to allow such provision under conditions of reciprocity. **EC Request:** remove the MFN exemption on fixed satellite services.

CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED ENGINEERING SERVICES

EC Request to Argentina

Argentina has committed this Sector only partially. The EC requests that this sector be committed as follows:

B. General construction work for civil engineering (CPC 513)

This sub-sector is not committed. **EC Request:**

- Mode 3: Take full commitments, i.e. schedule “none” under MA and NT.
- Mode 4: Commit as referred to in the section “Horizontal commitments”.

DISTRIBUTION SERVICES

EC Request to Argentina

Argentina has only partially committed this sector. The EC requests that this sector is committed as follows :

A. Commission agents' services (CPC 621, 6111+6113+6121)

This sub-sector is not committed. **EC Request:**

- Modes 1, 2, 3 : Take full commitments, i.e. schedule "none" under MA and NT
- Mode 4 : Commit as referred to in the section "Horizontal commitments".

B. Wholesale trade services (CPC 622, 6111+6113+6121)

The distribution of motor vehicles (CPC 6111+6113+6121) is not committed.

EC Request:

- Modes 1, 2, 3 : Take full commitments, i.e. schedule "none" under MA and NT
- Mode 4 : Commit as referred to in the section "Horizontal commitments".

C. Retailing trade services (CPC 631+632, 6111+6113+6121+613)

The distribution of motor fuel (CPC 613) is not committed. **EC Request:**

- Modes 1, 2, 3 : Take full commitments, i.e. schedule "none" under MA and NT
- Mode 4 : Commit as referred to in the section "Horizontal commitments".

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

EC Request to Argentina

Argentina has not undertaken commitments in environmental services. The EC requests Argentina to commit the following subsectors, based on the EC proposal for the classification of environmental services:

A. Water for human use & wastewater management

Water collection, purification and distribution services through mains, except steam and hot water

Waste water services (CPC 9401)

B. Solid/hazardous waste management

Refuse disposal services (CPC 94020)

Sanitation and similar services (CPC 94030)

C. Protection of ambient air and climate

Services to reduce exhaust gases and other emissions and improve air quality (CPC 94040)

D. Remediation and cleanup of soil & water

Treatment, remediation of contaminated/polluted soil and water (part of CPC 94060)

E. Noise & vibration abatement

Noise abatement services (CPC 94050)

F. Protection of biodiversity and landscape

Nature and landscape protection services (part of CPC 94060)

G. Other environmental & ancillary services

Other environmental protection services not classified elsewhere (CPC 94090)

EC Request for each of the above sub-sectors :

- Modes 1 (where technically feasible), 2 and 3 : Undertake full commitments for MA and NT
- Mode 4 : Commit as referred to in the section “Horizontal commitments”

FINANCIAL SERVICES

EC Request to Argentina

General

- **EC Request:** Undertake commitments in accordance with the Understanding on Commitments in Financial Services.

Insurance

- Modes 1 and 2: MA and NT – Services auxiliary to insurance, such as consultancy, actuarial, risk assessment and claim settlement services, are not covered. **EC Request:** Take full commitments.
- Modes 1 and 2: NT - 13.2% withholding tax on offshore borrowing. **EC Request:** Eliminate by taking full commitments on NT.
- Modes 1 and 2: NT - 3.5% excise tax on reinsurance. **EC Request:** Eliminate, not compatible with Argentina's schedule that fully binds NT.
- Mode 3: MA – Ban on authorisations of establishment of new entities in all insurance sub-sectors. Only possibility to enter the insurance market for a foreign investor is to purchase a local company. **EC Request:** Take full commitments on new establishments.
- Mode 3: MA and NT – Insurance intermediation, such as brokerage and agency, is not covered. **EC Request:** Take full commitments.
- Mode 3: MA and NT – Services auxiliary to insurance, such as consultancy, actuarial, risk assessment and claim settlement services, are not covered. **EC Request:** Take full commitments.

Banking and other financial services

- Modes 1 and 2: NT - Existence of a 15.02% (and up to 35%) withholding tax on cross-border borrowing. **EC Request:** Eliminate.
- Mode 3: NT - Foreign banks' branches are not allowed to use parent's capital to meet prudential requirements, even if their home country's regulation and supervision has implemented Basle or equivalent standards. **EC Request:** Allow branches to use parent's capital to meet prudential requirements.
- Mode 3: NT - Regulation on branch capital: the guarantee granted by the branch's head office or by another foreign bank for additional lending volume is not taken into account. **EC Request:** Take into account the guarantee extended by the branch's head office or by another foreign bank for additional lending volume.

NEWS AGENCY SERVICES

EC Request to Argentina

Argentina has not committed this sector (CPC 962). The EC requests that this Sector be committed as follows:

EC Request (CPC 962):

- Modes 1-3: Take full commitments, i.e. schedule “none” under MA and NT.
- Mode 4: Commit as referred to in the section “Horizontal commitments”.

TRANSPORT SERVICES

EC Request to Argentina

Argentina has no specific commitments in the transport sector.

A. Maritime transport

EC Request: Take commitments in accordance with the attached model schedule (Annex 1). In particular for the following areas:

- 1) International transport (freight and passengers) CPC 7211 and 7212
- 2) Additional commitments for access to and use of ports facilities
- 3) Maritime auxiliary services (maritime cargo handling, storage and warehouse services, customs clearance services, container station and depot services, maritime agency services)
- 4) Multimodal activities: for inland forwarding of cargoes - commit the ability to rent or lease - or to have access to and use of multimodal facilities (as specified in the note to the schedule).
- 5) Definitions – commit definitions as specified in the model schedule.

The EC also request the following additional maritime commitments from Argentina:

- 6) Equipment. To facilitate planning of their businesses operators should be allowed to reposition their own equipment, such as empty containers, between ports of Argentina, when it is not carried against payment. This is requested to be committed in a new footnote:
“9. Movement of own equipment. International maritime transport suppliers can move/reposition their own equipment (i.e. empty containers, flatbeds etc.) on their own vessels between ports of Argentina.”
- 7) International cargo. Notwithstanding the general exclusion of “cabotage” in the definitions of the model schedule (see Annex 1) an international maritime transport supplier should be allowed to operate feeder services for its international cargo between ports of Argentina. This is requested to be committed in a new footnote:
“10. Notwithstanding the exclusion of “cabotage” in definition 1 above international maritime transport suppliers can operate vessels for the purposes of pre- and onward carriage of the international cargo between ports of Argentina.”

In this context Argentina may wish to take the one or more of the following principles into concern:

- Size of the port. Only valid for international cargo relayed between national ports handling more than [25.000 TEU] on an annual basis.

- Binding existing ad hoc practices. To the extent exceptions are already granted for use of foreign flagged vessels such practices could be bound to explicitly cover pre- and onward carriage of international cargo.
- Geographical limitations: Transport of international cargo between ports within the same province [or other regional entity] remains excluded.

A final request related to maritime transport is:

8) Rental and leasing of vessels with crew (CPC 7213, 7223).

EC Request:

- Modes 1, 2 and 3: Take full commitments, i.e. schedule “none”, under MA and NT
- Mode 4: Commit as in horizontal commitments.

B. Internal waterways:

c) Rental and leasing of vessels with crew (CPC 7213, 7223)

EC Request:

- Modes 1, 2 and 3: Take full commitments, i.e. schedule “none”, under MA and NT
- Mode 4: Commit as referred in the section “Horizontal commitments”

C. Air transport

1) Maintenance and repair of aircraft and parts thereof.

EC Request:

- Modes 2 and 3: Take full commitments, i.e. schedule “none”, under MA and NT
- Mode 4: Commit as referred in the section “Horizontal commitments”

2) Selling and marketing.

EC Request:

- Modes 1, 2 and 3: Take full commitments, i.e. schedule “none”, under MA and NT
- Mode 4: Commit as referred in the section “Horizontal commitments”

3) Computer Reservation Systems.

EC Request:

- Modes 1, 2 and 3: Take full commitments, i.e. schedule “none”, under MA and NT
- Mode 4: Commit as referred in the section “Horizontal commitments”

4) Groundhandling services, as specified in the attached definitions (Annex 2).

EC Request:

- Modes 2 and 3: Take full commitments, i.e. schedule “none”, under MA and NT
- Mode 4: Commit as referred in the section “Horizontal commitments”

5) Airport management services, as specified in the attached definitions (Annex 2).

EC Request:

- Mode 3: Take full commitments, i.e. schedule “none”, under MA and NT
- Mode 4: Commit as referred in the section “Horizontal commitments”

E. Rail transport

d) Maintenance and Repair of Rail Transport Equipment (CPC 8868).

EC Request:

- Modes 2 and 3: Take full commitments, i.e. schedule “none”, under MA and NT
- Mode 4: Commit as referred in the section “Horizontal commitments”

F. Road transport

b) Freight Transportation (CPC 7123).

EC Request:

- Mode 3: Take full commitments, i.e. schedule “none”, under MA and NT
- Mode 4: Commit as referred in the section “Horizontal commitments”

d) Maintenance and Repair of Road Transport Equipment (CPC 6112)

EC Request:

- Modes 1, 2 and 3: Take full commitments, i.e. schedule “none”, under MA and NT
- Mode 4: Commit as referred in the section “Horizontal commitments”

H. Services Auxiliary to All Modes of Transport

b) Storage and Warehouse Services (CPC 742)

EC Request:

- Modes 2 and 3: Take full commitments, i.e. schedule “none”, under MA and NT
- Mode 4: Commit as referred in the section “Horizontal commitments”

c) Freight Transport Agency/Freight Forwarding Services (CPC 748) and Pre-Shipment Inspection (part of CPC 749)

EC Request:

- Modes 1, 2 and 3: Take full commitments, i.e. schedule “none”, under MA and NT
- Mode 4: Commit as referred in the section “Horizontal commitments”

Annex 1: SCHEDULE ON MARITIME TRANSPORT SERVICES

Sector or Sub-Sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
<p>TRANSPORT SERVICES</p> <p>MARITIME TRANSPORT SERVICES</p> <p>International Transport (freight and passengers) CPC 7211 and 7212 <u>less</u> cabotage transport</p>	<p>1) (a) <u>Liner Shipping</u>: none</p> <p>(b) <u>Bulk, tramp, and other international shipping, including passenger transportation</u>: none</p>	<p>1) (a) None</p> <p>(b) None</p>	<p>The following services at the port are made available to international maritime transport suppliers on reasonable and no discriminatory terms and conditions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pilotage 2. Towing and tug assistance 3. Provisioning, fuelling and watering 4. Garbage collecting and ballast waste disposal 5. Port Captain's services 6. Navigation aids 7. Shore-based operational services essential to ship operations, including communications, water and electrical supplies 8. Emergency repair facilities 9. Anchorage, berth and berthing services <p>1) See note</p>

Sector or Sub-Sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
<p>TRANSPORT SERVICES MARITIME TRANSPORT SERVICES</p> <p>International Transport (freight and passengers) CPC 7211 and 7212 <u>less</u> cabotage transport (cont.)</p>	<p>2) None</p> <p>3) (a) Establishment of registered company for the purpose of operating a fleet under the national flag of the State of establishment: unbound</p> <p>(b) Other forms of commercial presence for the supply of international maritime transport services (as defined below – 2): none</p> <p>4) (a) Ships' crews: unbound</p> <p>(b) Key personnel employed in relation to a commercial presence as defined under mode 3b) above: Unbound except as in horizontal section</p>	<p>2) None</p> <p>3) (a) Unbound</p> <p>(b) None</p> <p>4) (a) Unbound</p> <p>(b) Unbound except as in horizontal section</p>	<p>3) (b) See Notes 2, 3,</p>

Sector or Sub-Sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
MARITIME AUXILIARY SERVICES			
Maritime Cargo Handling Services (as defined below – 4)	1) Unbound* except for – no limitation on transshipment (board to board or via the quay) and/or on the use of on-board cargo handling equipment 2) None 3) None** 4) Unbound except as in horizontal section	1) Unbound* except for no limitation on transshipment (board to board or via the quay) and/or on the use of on-board cargo handling equipment 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as in horizontal section	
Storage and warehousing Services CPC 742	1) Unbound* 2) None 3) None** 4) Unbound except as in horizontal section	1) Unbound* 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as in horizontal section	
Customs Clearance Services (as defined below – 5)	1) Unbound* 2) None 3) None** 4) Unbound except as in horizontal section	1) Unbound* 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as in horizontal section	

Sector or Sub-Sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
MARITIME AUXILIARY SERVICES (cont.)			
Container Station and Depot Services (as defined below – 6)	1) Unbound*	1) Unbound*	
	2) None	2) None	
	3) None**	3) None	
	4) Unbound except as in horizontal section	4) Unbound except as in horizontal section	
Maritime Agency Services (as defined below – 7)	1) None	1) None	
	2) None	2) None	
	3) None	3) None	
	4) Unbound except as in horizontal section	4) Unbound except as in horizontal section	
(Maritime) Freight Forwarding Services (as defined below - 8)	1) None	1) None	
	2) None	2) None	
	3) None	3) None	
	4) Unbound except as in horizontal section	4) Unbound except as in horizontal section	

* A commitment on this mode of delivery is not feasible.

** Public utility concession or licensing procedures may apply in case of occupation of the public domain.

NOTE TO THE SCHEDULE

Where road, rail, inland waterways (and) (related) (auxiliary) services are not otherwise fully covered in (this) (a Member's) schedule, a multimodal transport operator shall have the ability to rent or lease trucks, railway carriages or barges, and related equipment, for the purpose of inland forwarding of cargoes, or have access to, and use of, these forms of multimodal activities on reasonable and non-discriminatory terms and conditions for the purpose of carrying out multimodal transport operations. (« Reasonable and non-discriminatory terms and conditions » means, for the purpose of (multimodal transport operations), (this additional commitment), the ability of the multimodal transport operator to arrange for the conveyance of its merchandise on a timely basis, including priority over other merchandise which has entered the port at a later date).

DEFINITIONS

1. Without prejudice to the scope of activities which may be considered as « cabotage » under the relevant national legislation, this schedule does not include « maritime cabotage services », which are assumed to cover transportation of passengers or goods between a port located in ... (name of country or, for EEC, « a Member State ») and another port located in ... (name of the country or, for EEC, « the same Member State ») and traffic originating and terminating in ... the same port located in (name of country, or for the EEC, « a Member State ») provided that this traffic remains within ... (name of country or « this Member State »)'s territorial waters.
2. « Other forms of commercial presence for the supply of international maritime transport services » means the ability for international maritime transport service suppliers of other Members to undertake locally all activities which are necessary for the supply to their customers of a partially or fully integrated transport service, within which the maritime transport constitutes a substantial element. (This commitment shall however not be construed as limiting in any manner the commitments undertaken under the cross-border mode of delivery).

These activities include, but are not limited to:

- (a) marketing and sales of maritime transport and related services through direct contact with customers, from quotation to invoicing, these services being those operated or offered by the service supplier itself or by service suppliers with which the service seller has established standing business arrangements;
- (b) the acquisition, on their own account or on behalf of their customers (and the resale to their customers) of any transport and related services, including inward transport services by any mode, particularly inland waterways, road and rail, necessary for the supply of the integrated services;
- (c) the preparation of documentation concerning transport documents, customs documents, or other documents related to the origin and character of the goods transported;
- (d) the provision of business information by any means, including computerised information systems and electronic data interchange (subject to the provisions of the annex on telecommunications);
- (e) the setting up of any business arrangements (including participation in the stock of a company) and the appointment of personnel recruited locally (or, in the case of foreign personnel, subject to the horizontal commitment on movement of personnel) with any locally established shipping agency;

(f) acting on behalf of the companies, organising the call of the ship or taking over cargoes when required.

3. « Multimodal transport operators » means the person on whose behalf the bill of lading /multimodal transport document, or any other document evidencing a contract of multimodal carriage of goods, is issued and who is responsible for the carriage of goods pursuant to the contract of carriage.

4. « Maritime cargo handling services » means activities exercised by stevedore companies, including terminal operators, but not including the direct activities of dockers, when this workforce is organised independently of the stevedoring or terminal operator companies. The activities covered include the organisation and supervision of:

- the loading/discharging of cargo to/from a ship;
- the lashing/unlashing of cargo;
- the reception/delivery and safekeeping of cargoes before shipment or after discharge.

5. « Customs clearance services » (alternatively « customs house brokers' services ») means activities consisting in carrying out on behalf of another party customs formalities concerning import, export or through transport of cargoes, whether this service is the main activity of the service provider or a usual complement of its main activity.

6. « Container station and depot services » means activities consisting in storing containers, whether in port areas or inland, with a view to their stuffing/stripping, repairing and making them available for shipments.

7. « Maritime agency services » means activities consisting in representing, within a given geographic area, as an agent the business interests of one or more shipping lines or shipping companies, for the following purposes:

- marketing and sales of maritime transport and related services, from quotation to invoicing, and issuance of bills of lading on behalf of the companies, acquisition and resale of the necessary related services, preparation of documentation, and provision of business information;
- acting on behalf of the companies organising the call of the ship or taking over cargoes when required.

8. « Freight forwarding services » means (the activity consisting of organising and monitoring shipment operations on behalf of shippers, through the acquisition of transport and related services, preparation of documentation and provision of business information).

Annex 2: Facilitating air transport services

Ground-handling Services

Efficient ground-handling is essential to the proper functioning of air transport and competition between operators in this area ensures that proper use is made of air transport infrastructure. It helps reduce the operating costs of airlines and improves the quality of service for airport users.

For specialised groundhandling suppliers the following activities are requested:

- Ground Administration – supervision and administration at the airport (CPC 7461);
- Passenger Handling – assisting arriving, departing and transfer passengers (CPC 7461);
- Baggage Handling – handling baggage in the sorting area (CPC 7461);
- Freight and Mail Handling – physical handling of freight and mail, dealing with security and customs procedures (CPC 74110 (container handling services) and 74190 (other cargo handling services);
- Ramp Handling – marshalling and moving the aircraft, loading and unloading of aircraft, transport of passengers, freight, supplies (CPC 7469).
- Aircraft Services – cleaning the aircraft, heating and cooling, removal of snow and ice (CPC 7469);
- Fuel and Oil Handling – organisation and provision of fuel and oil;
- Aircraft Maintenance – covered specifically by the Annex as above;
- Flight Operations and Crew Administration – preparation of the flight, inflight and post-flight assistance, crew administration;
- Surface Transport – organisation and execution of transport within airport – except to and from aircraft;
- Catering Services – administration, storage, preparation and delivery of bar and food supplies (CPC 6423). *[Catering is listed for only for information purposes as this activity is classified and committed by Argentina as part of tourism services]*

Airport management services

Airport management services constitute the core activities of airport services providers and cover: Airport operation services (excl. cargo handling), including passenger air terminal services and ground services on air fields, including runway operating services, on a fee or contract CPC 74610. Activities are also related to “other management consulting services” (CPC 86509) and activities separately specified under “other management services not elsewhere classified”(CPC 86609). A commitment will allow services suppliers to take an equity stake in - and engage in the overall operation and management of - airports when these are open for investments from private operators. Thereby it will bind existing common practices in the sector.

ENERGY SERVICES

EC Request to Argentina

This Request includes services that are listed under the negotiating proposal of the EC (S/CSS/W/60) . The work on the classification of these services is still underway. For this reason, some activities therefore lacks reference to CPC.

The EC requests that this area is committed as follows :

A. Services related to exploration and production

CPC 8675: Related scientific and technical consulting services

This sub-sector is not committed. **EC Request:**

- Mode 3 : Take full commitments, i.e. schedule "none".
- Mode 4 : Commit as referred in the section "Horizontal commitments".

CPC 513: General Construction work for civil engineering

This sub-sector is not committed. **EC Request:**

- Mode 3 : Take full commitments, i.e. schedule "none".
- Mode 4 : Commit as referred in the section "Horizontal commitments".

B. Services related to the construction of energy facilities

B.1 Construction of energy facilities

- CPC 513: General Construction work for civil engineering
- CPC 51340: For long distance pipelines, communication and power lines (cables)
- CPC 51350: For local pipelines and cables; ancillary works
- CPC 51360: For constructions for mining and manufacturing

This sub-sector is not committed. **EC Request:**

- Mode 3 : Take full commitments, i.e. schedule "none".
- Mode 4 : Commit as referred in the section "Horizontal commitments".

C. Services related to networks

C.1 Operation of transportation/transmission and distribution facilities

- CPC 887: Services incidental to energy distribution

This sub-sector is not committed. **EC Request:**

- Modes 3 : Take commitments for operation of networks not part of the integrated system.
- Mode 4 : Commit as referred in the section "Horizontal commitments".

- CPC 71310: Transportation of petroleum and natural gas

This sub-sector is not committed. **EC Request:**

- Modes 3 : Take commitments for operation of networks not part of the integrated system.
- Mode 4 : Commit as referred in the section "Horizontal commitments".

D. Storage services

- CPC 74220: Bulk storage services of liquids or gases

This sub-sector is not committed. **EC Request:**

- Mode 3 : Take full commitments, i.e. schedule "none".
- Mode 4 : Commit as referred in the section "Horizontal commitments".

E. Services for the supply of energy

E.1 Wholesale of energy products

- Wholesale trade services of electricity

EC Request:

- Modes 3 : Take full commitments, i.e. schedule "none".
- Mode 4 : Commit as referred in the section "Horizontal commitments".

E.3 Trading of energy products

EC Request:

- Modes 1, 2, 3 : Take full commitments, i.e. schedule "none"
- Mode 4 : Commit as referred in the section "Horizontal commitments".

E.4 Brokering of energy products

EC Request:

- Modes 1, 2, 3 : Take full commitments, i.e. schedule "none"
- Mode 4 : Commit as referred in the section "Horizontal commitments".

G. Services related to decommissioning

EC Request:

- Modes 3 : Take full commitments, i.e. schedule "none"
- Mode 4 : Commit as referred in the section "Horizontal commitments".

MFN EXEMPTIONS

EC Request to Argentina

The EC requests are addressed under the telecommunication sectoral chapter.