

NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VII.4 OF THE
GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES

The following notification has been received from the delegation of Colombia.

Pursuant to Article VII.4 of the General Agreement on Trade in Services, the Government of Colombia notifies the agreements on recognition in force.

1. Member notifying:

Colombia

2. Notification under:

Article VII, paragraph 4, of the General Agreement on Trade in Services (recognition of diplomas and studies).

3. Date of entry into force:

The provisions of agreements signed by Colombia on recognition of diplomas or of higher education studies, equivalence of studies, validity of titles for the exercise of professions and the *Convenio regional de convalidación de estudios, títulos y diplomas de educación superior en América Latina y el Caribe* (Regional Convention on the Ratification of Higher Education Studies, Qualifications and Diplomas in Latin America and the Caribbean).

1. Mutual recognition of study certificates

1.1 Bolivia

Signed in la Paz on 24 June 1972
Approved by Law 50-73
In force since 13 February 1975

1.2 Brazil

Signed in Bogota on 20 April 1963
Approved by Law 64-73
In force since 30 August 1974

1.3 Bulgaria

Signed in Bogota on 16 September 1982
Approved by Law 35-85
In force since 19 March 1985

- 1.4 Republic of Korea
Signed in Bogota on 27 July 1967
Approved by Law 27-75
In force since 14 July 1976
- 1.5 Czech Republic
Signed in Bogota on 23 April 1979
Approved by Law 15-80
In force since 25 February 1981
- 1.6 Chile
Signed in Santiago on 23 June 1921
Approved by Law 60-21
In force since 13 June 1922
- 1.7 Slovak Republic
Signed 23 April 1979
Approved by Law 15-80
In force since 25 February 1991
- 1.8 United Kingdom
Signed in London on 3 July 1979
Approved by Law 16-80
In force since 23 May 1980
- 1.9 Peru
Signed in Lima on 30 June 1961
Approved by Law 16-67
In force since 30 March 1979
- 1.10 Dominican Republic
Signed in Santo Domingo on 20 December 1969
Approved by Law 63-73
In force since 19 August 1974
- 1.11 Soviet Union
Signed in Bogota on 23 June 1986
Approved by Law 48-88
- 1.12 Uruguay
Signed in Bogota 2 August 1985
Approved by Law 16-87
In force since 2 March 1989
- 1.13 Venezuela
Signed in Caracas on 17 July 1911
Approved by Law 66 of 12 November 1913
Ratified on 28 July 1914

2. Equivalence of studies as: technologist, university graduate, economist, administrator, lawyer, mathematician, physicist, biologist, chemist, engineer, architect, geologist, dental surgeon, veterinary surgeon, agronomist, animal technician and psychologist
 - 2.1 Germany
Signed in Berlin on 6 December 1984
Approved by Law 49-86
In force since 6 November 1986
3. Mutual recognition of diplomas and qualifications not available in Colombia
 - 3.1 Bulgaria
Signed in Bogota on 17 March 1972
Approved by Law 48-73
In force since 3 February 1975
4. Recognition of partial studies
 - 4.1 Bulgaria
Signed in Bogota on 17 March 1972
Approved by Law 48-73
In force since 3 February 1975
5. Validity of diplomas for the exercise of professions
 - 5.1 Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay
Signed in Montevideo on 4 February 1889
Accession by Colombia under Law 5 of 15 September 1917
Exchange of Ratifications 21 November 1941
 - 5.2 Brazil
Signed in Bogota on 20 April 1963
Approved by Law 64-73
In force since 30 August 1974
 - 5.3 Costa Rica
Signed in San José on 13 October 1926
Approved by Law 56-28
In force since 16 July 1929
 - 5.4 Chile
Signed in Santiago on 23 June 1921
Approved by Law 60-21
In force since 13 June 1922
 - 5.5 Ecuador
Signed in Lima on 3 May 1895
Approved by Law 49 of 1898
In force since 13 June 1900

5.6 Spain

Signed in Madrid on 11 April 1953

Approved by Law 139-63

In force since 14 October 1964

5.7 Dominican Republic

Signed in Santo Domingo on 20 December 1969

Approved by Law 63-73

In force since 19 August 1974

6. Regional convention on the ratification of higher education studies, qualifications and diplomas in Latin America and the Caribbean

Argentina

Barbados

Bolivia

Brazil

Colombia

Costa Rica

Cuba

Chile

Ecuador

El Salvador

Guatemala

Guyana

Haiti

Honduras

Jamaica

Mexico

Nicaragua

Panama

Signed in Mexico City on 19 July 1974

Accession of Colombia under Law 8 of 1977

Accession by:

Netherlands Antilles 19 July 1974

Antigua and Barbuda 15 July 1982

Bahamas 23 April 1981

Belize 10 May 1982

Dominica 9 January 1979

Grenada 17 February 1975

Benelux: Netherlands 19 July 1974

Belgium 19 July 1974

Luxembourg 19 July 1974

Holy See 19 July 1974

Saint Christopher and Nevis 26 October 1983

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 15 February 1983

Saint Lucia 6 March 1980

Suriname 16 July 1976

Venezuela 19 July 1974

Yugoslavia 19 July 1974

7. Andrés Bello Convention (validity of diplomas for the purposes of enrolment in further training or specialization courses)

- Bolivia
- Colombia
- Ecuador
- Peru
- Venezuela

Signed in Bogota on 31 January 1970
Approved by Law 20-73

4. **Agency responsible for implementation and enforcement of the measures:**

The *Instituto Colombiano para el Fomento de la Educación Superior* (ICFES) (Colombian Institute for the Promotion of Higher Education) is the body responsible for approving and ratifying diplomas, in accordance with the provisions of international agreements.

5. **Description of the measures:**

The *Instituto Colombiano para el Fomento de la Educación Superior* (ICFES) is solely responsible for ratifying higher education diplomas granted abroad and for approving the subjects taught abroad, pursuant to Decree No. 1074 of 1980.

6. **Members affected:**

The Contracting Parties to the agreements mentioned in the annexes which are also Members of the WTO.

7. **The texts are available from:**

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