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RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Final List of Article II (MFN) Exemptions

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RUSSIAN FEDERATION - LIST OF ARTICLE II (MFN) EXEMPTIONS

Sectors or sub-sectors	Description of measure indicating its inconsistency with Article II	Country or countries to which the measure applies	Intended duration	Conditions creating the need for the MFN exemption
All sectors.	Measures concerning investment activity and available protection.	All parties to existing and future respective agreements which may be concluded.	Indefinite.	The measures are aimed at forming a legal framework for mutual protection and investment promotion.
All sectors/presence of natural persons.	Measures based on existing and future agreements with the objective of providing for the movement of natural persons supplying services.	Parties to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the Russian federation and the European Communities and their Member States signed at 24 June 1994 with future supplements; CIS countries.	Indefinite.	Measures are aimed at progressive liberalization between the Russian Federation and its regional trading partners.
2. COMMUNICATION SERVICES				
D. Audio-visual services	Measures with respect to broadcasting and other similar forms of transmission of the audio-visual works, including television and radio programs, meeting origin criteria and other criteria, established by the respective agreements.	Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on Trans-frontier Television or other countries with whom bilateral agreements may be concluded.	Indefinite.	Development of cultural links and protection of cultural heritage.
D. Audio-visual services	Measures based on co-production agreements, which confer national treatment with respect to audio-visual works covered by these agreements, including in relation to subsidies for production and distribution.	Parties to the European Convention on Cinematographic Coproduction and countries with whom bilateral co-production agreements are/may be concluded.	Indefinite.	Development of cultural links and protection of cultural heritage.
D. Audio-visual services	Measures granting the benefit of support programs to audio-visual works, including television and radio programs, and suppliers of such works meeting certain origin criteria.	Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on Trans-frontier Television, Parties to the European Convention on Cinematographic Coproduction or other European countries with whom bilateral agreements may be concluded.	Indefinite.	Development of cultural links and protection of cultural heritage.
5. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES				
	Measures with respect to opening and activity of branches.	Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmen, Uzbekistan, Ukraine.	Indefinite.	Measures are aimed at preservation and development of relations in the field of education.

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11. TRANSPORT SERVICES				
A. Maritime Transport Services	In the cases and subject to the procedure established by the Government of the Russian Federation cabotage transportation and cabotage towing may be carried out by foreign vessels.	All countries.	Indefinite.	The measure reflects existing practice of ad hoc regulation of the issues concerned on the basis of case-by-case decisions and subject to the concrete situation.
	Measures with respect to the access of vessels under Polish flag to the Russian part of Kaliningrad bay and Baltic sea channel.	Poland.	Indefinite.	Ensuring of obligations under international agreement and preservation of traditional relations in the field of maritime transportation.
	Special regime of shipping in Caspian sea.	Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan.	Indefinite.	Development of regional cooperation.
	Measures allowing for bilateral agreements concerning cargo sharing and cargo reservation.	Algeria, Brazil, Malaysia, Mexico, Syria, Tunisia, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Ethiopia, Ghana.	Indefinite.	Existing respective agreements.
	Measures related to maritime operators such as priority rights under the Production Sharing Agreements and in relation to maritime agency activities.	Parties to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the Russian federation and the European Communities and their Member States signed at 24 June 1994 with future supplements.	Indefinite.	Ensuring of obligations under international agreement.
	Measures related to maritime operators such as priority rights under the Production Sharing Agreements.	Norway.	Indefinite.	Ensuring of obligations under international agreement.
B. Internal Waterways Transport a) Passenger transportation b) Freight transportation	Measures contained in the existing and future agreements on access to inland waterways which provide for the preferential treatment with respect to traffic rights and access to ports and port service, payment of tonnage, dues and other charges.	All parties to existing and future agreements.	Indefinite.	Maintenance and development of the achieved level of economic links with the States concerned and more particularly with certain regions of such states.
C. Air Transport Services - Selling and marketing	Measures concerning establishment of companies and opening of representative offices, applied on the basis of reciprocity.	All parties to existing and future respective air transportation agreements.	Indefinite.	Implementation of the conditions for supply of air transport services established in the framework of the existing bilateral air transportation agreements.

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E. Rail Transport Services	Measures maintained in the framework of the existing and future agreements regulating the rules of carriage, the terms of operation and transportation, supply of services related to rail transport services in the territory of Russian Federation and between the countries – parties to the agreements.	All parties to existing and future agreements.	Indefinite.	Ensuring the integrity of railway transport as a single production and technological complex, regulation of carriage in the territory of the Russian Federation and between the countries - parties of the agreements.
F. Road Transport Services - International road passenger and freight transportation	Measures in the framework of the existing and future agreements on market access in respect of the road transport services including tax exemptions.	All parties to existing and future respective agreements, which may be concluded.	Indefinite.	Limitations, prohibitions, and differences in the market access treatments are applied on the basis of reciprocity with respect to States maintaining similar measures in respect of the Russian carriers and/or means of transport.