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Draft Schedule CXLIII – Latvia

Part II – Draft Schedule of Concessions and Commitments on Services

Corrigendum

Pages 28-29: Replace the table "List of Article II (MFN) Exemptions" as follows. (Changes are highlighted and deletions are struck out.)

These changes, together with Latvia's Services Schedule (WT/ACC/SPEC/LVA/7/Add.2) will be taken up for consideration and adoption at the meeting of the Working Party scheduled for 29 September 1998 (WTO/AIR/924).

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LATVIA - 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
Road transport; passengers and freight	Provisions in existing or future bilateral or plurilateral agreements on international road transport (including combined transport - road/rail) reserving or limiting the provision of a transport service into, in, across and out of the Republic of Latvia to the contracting parties to vehicles registered in each contracting party, and providing for tax exemption for such vehicles.	All countries with which Latvia has a bilateral or plurilateral agreement on road transport in force	Indefinite	The need for exemption is linked to the region characteristics of road transport services
Sale and marketing of air transport services and computer reservation systems	Preferential market access resulting from bilateral air transport agreements	All countries	Indefinite	Reciprocal provisions concerning supply of air transport services as a result of bilateral air transport agreements
Audiovisual Services - Production and distribution of audiovisual works through broadcasting or other forms of transmission to the public	Measures which define works of European origin, in such a way as to extend national treatment to audiovisual works which meet certain linguistic and origin criteria regarding access to broadcasting or similar forms of transmission	Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on Transfrontier Television or other European countries with whom an agreement may be concluded	Indefinite. Exemption needed, for certain countries, only until an economic integration agreement is concluded or completed	The measures aim, within the sector, to promote cultural values both with and within EC Member States and with other countries in Europe, as well as achieving linguistic policy objectives
Audiovisual services -Production and distribution of cinematographic works and television programmes	Measures based upon government-to-government framework agreements, and plurilateral agreements, on coproduction of audiovisual works, which confer national treatment to audiovisual works covered by these agreements, in particular in relation to distribution and access to funding	All countries with whom cultural cooperation may be desirable	Indefinite	The aim of such agreements is to promote cultural links between <u>the</u> countries concerned
Audiovisual services -Production and distribution of television programmes and cinematographic works	Measures granting the benefit of any support programmes (such as Action Plan for Advanced Television Services, MEDIA or EURIMAGES) to audiovisual works, and suppliers of such works, meeting certain European origin criteria	European countries	Indefinite. Exemption needed, for certain countries, only until an economic integration agreement is concluded or completed	These programmes aim at preserving and promoting the regional identity of countries within Europe which have long-standing cultural links