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**Council for Trade in Services** 

# NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III:3 OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES

The following notification from the delegation of Honduras, dated 19 March 2015, is being circulated to the members of the Council for Trade in Services.

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#### 1 MEMBER NOTIFYING:

Republic of Honduras

#### **2 NOTIFICATION UNDER:**

Article III, paragraph 3, of the General Agreement on Trade in Services

#### 3 DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE:

23 January 2014

## 4 AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE MEASURE:

Ministry of Infrastructure and Utilities (INSEP)

#### **5 DESCRIPTION OF THE MEASURE:**

#### 5.1 Full Title:

### **5.2 Description of Content:**

On 23 January 2014 the Law for Optimization of Public Administration, Improvement of Citizen Services, and Strengthening of Government Transparency, was adopted by Decree No. 266-2013, published in the Official Journal "La Gaceta".

Honduras adopted these measures because the centralized and decentralized administration needed a more flexible mechanism to respond to the requirements of the public and provide public services in the best way possible.

Article 29 of Decree No. 266-2013 states that for the purposes of general administration of the country, for which the Executive is responsible under the Constitution of the Republic, the Ministry shall have the powers established under paragraph 13.

The Ministry of Infrastructure and Utilities (INSEP) has assumed the functions of the Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Housing (SOPTRAVI).

INSEP is responsible for formulating, coordinating, implementing and assessing policies relating to housing; public infrastructure works; road, urban and transport networks; matters relating to state enterprises; and the public works concession system.

## 6 MEMBERS SPECIFICALLY AFFECTED:

## 7 TEXTS AVAILABLE FROM:

Ministry of Infrastructure and Utilities (INSEP): <a href="http://www.insep.gob.hn">http://www.insep.gob.hn</a>