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**NOTIFICATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA'S PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT  
TO SERVICES AND SUPPLIERS OF LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES<sup>1</sup>**

The following notification from the delegation of the Republic of Panama, dated 4 May 2017, is being circulated to the Members of the Council for Trade in Services.

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Panama to the World Trade Organization, with headquarters in Geneva, has the honour to notify to the World Trade Organization's Council for Trade in Services the preferential treatment that the Republic of Panama is making available to services and service suppliers of least developed countries<sup>1</sup> in accordance with the decision adopted by Ministers at the WTO's Eighth Ministerial Conference entitled *Preferential Treatment to Services and Service Suppliers of Least Developed Countries* (WT/L/847) of 17 December 2011, and the decision adopted by Ministers at the WTO's Ninth Ministerial Conference entitled *Operationalization of the Waiver concerning Preferential Treatment to Services and Service Suppliers of Least Developed Countries* (WT/L/918).

The preferential treatment is given in various sectors and modes of supply, particularly in areas that are of particular export interest to least developed countries, as set out in the *Collective Request Pursuant to the Bali Decision on the Operationalization of the Waiver concerning Preferential Treatment to Services and Service Suppliers of Least Developed Countries* (S/C/W/356).

Pursuant to Paragraph 2 of the Waiver Decision, the Republic of Panama reserves the right to modify its preferences before the expiration of the Waiver, in case of legislative or regulatory changes. The Republic of Panama further reserves the right to make technical amendments to this notification and make corrections to rectify any errors, omissions, or inaccuracies in this notification as well as to clarify and interpret the terms and conditions of this notification.

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<sup>1</sup> This notification is not subject to Annex 2 to the WTO Agreement: *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*.

**SECTORAL MEASURES**

The following preferential treatment is made available with respect to the application of the measures described in Article XVI of the General Agreement on Trade in Services, subject to the limitations set out in the "Horizontal commitments" section of the Republic of Panama's Schedule of Specific Commitments (GATS/SC/124) and any future amendments which may affect these limitations.

Modes of supply:(1) Cross-border (2) Consumption abroad (3) Commercial presence (4) Presence of natural persons	
<b>Sector or subsector</b>	<b>Limitations on market access</b>
1. BUSINESS SERVICES	
A. Professional services	
(a) Legal services <b>Exclusively:</b> <i>Legal consultancy on international law (excludes Panamanian law) and consultancy on law of the jurisdiction in which the service supplier is qualified as a lawyer. Does not include appearance in courts or administrative, judicial, maritime or arbitral authorities in Panama, nor the drafting of legal documents (part of CPC 861).</i>	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section
B. Computer and related services (CPC 84)	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section
E. Rental/leasing services without operators	
(a) Relating to ships (CPC 83103)	
(b) Relating to aircraft (CPC 83104)	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section
(c) Relating to other transport equipment (CPC 83101, CPC 83102 and CPC 83105)	
(d) Relating to other machinery and equipment (CPC 83106, CPC 83107, CPC 83108 and CPC 83109)	
(e) Concerning personal and household goods (CPC 832)	
F. Other business services	
(k) Personnel placement and supply services	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section
(i) Placement services of office support personnel and other workers (CPC 87202)	
(ii) Supply services of office support personnel (CPC 87203)	

Modes of supply:(1) Cross-border (2) Consumption abroad (3) Commercial presence (4) Presence of natural persons	
Sector or subsector	Limitations on market access
(n) Maintenance and repair of equipment (not including maritime vessels, aircraft or other transport equipment)  - Maintenance and repair of rail transport equipment (part of CPC 8868 <sup>2</sup> )	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section
(o) Building-cleaning services (CPC 874)	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section
(p) Photographic services (CPC 875)	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section
(q) Packaging services (CPC 876)	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section
(r) Printing and publishing services (CPC 88442)	(1) None (2) None (3) None, except printing of national written media (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section
9. TOURISM AND TRAVEL-RELATED SERVICES B. Travel agencies and tour operators services (CPC 7471) C. Tour guide services (CPC 7472)	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section
10. RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SPORTING SERVICES (other than audiovisual services) D. Sporting services (CPC 9641)	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section
11. TRANSPORT SERVICES E. Rail transport services (a) Passenger transportation (CPC 7111) (b) Freight transportation (CPC 7112) (c) Pushing and towing services (CPC 7113)	(1) None (2) None (3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section

<sup>2</sup> Corresponds to part of subclass 87149 - Maintenance and repair services of other transport equipment (CPC Ver.1.1.), which includes maintenance and repair services of railway and tramway locomotives and rolling stock.

Modes of supply:(1) Cross-border (2) Consumption abroad (3) Commercial presence (4) Presence of natural persons	
Sector or subsector	Limitations on market access
H. SERVICES AUXILIARY TO ALL MEANS OF TRANSPORT <sup>3</sup> (only includes supporting services for railway transport)	
(a) Cargo-handling services (part of CPC 741)	(1) None (2) None
(b) Storage and warehouse services (part of CPC 742)	(3) None, except in the case of road transport
(c) Freight transport agency services (part of CPC 748)	(4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section

<sup>3</sup> Does not include maintenance and repair services of transport equipment under Business Services (1.F(n)).