



Trade in Services

LAO PDR

FINAL LIST OF ARTICLE II (MFN) EXEMPTIONS

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Sector or sub-sector	Description of the measure indicating its inconsistency with Article II	Country or countries to which the measures applies	Intended duration	Conditions creating the need for the exemption
Audiovisual services: - Production and distribution of television programmes and cinematographic works	Measures based upon coproduction agreements of audiovisual works, which confer National Treatment to audiovisual works covered by such agreements.	Countries with which such bilateral or plurilateral agreements are in force, now or in the future.	Indefinite	The aim of these agreements is to promote cultural links between the countries concerned.
Audiovisual Services: - Production and distribution of television programmes and cinematographic works	Measures granting the benefit of support programmes to audiovisual works, and suppliers of such works meeting origin criteria.	Countries with which bilateral and plurilateral agreements are in force, now or in the future, in the area of cultural cooperation.	Indefinite	These programmes aim at preserving and promoting the cultural identity of countries with which Lao PDR has a long-standing cultural links.
Audiovisual Services: - Production and distribution of audiovisual works through broadcasting transmission to the public	Measures which extend National Treatment to audiovisual works which meet certain origin criteria regarding access to broadcasting transmission.	Countries with which bilateral or plurilateral agreements are in force, now or in the future, in the area of cultural cooperation.	Indefinite	These measures aim, within the sector, to promote cultural values both within Lao PDR, and with other countries, including in the region.
Internal Waterways and land transport	Preferential treatment for transportation cooperation within Mekong river basin.	Parties to the Greater Mekong Subregion agreement.	Indefinite	To facilitate tourism and trade, including freight and passenger transportation between countries in the subregion.
All sectors	Measures extending preferential treatment to services and services suppliers under bilateral investment and trade agreements.	Parties to bilateral agreements with Lao PDR that entered into force before the date of accession.	Duration of bilateral agreements	The aim is to promote investment and foster development in Lao PDR.