



Trade in Services

AFGHANISTAN

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| All Sectors | The South Asian Trade in Services Agreement (SATIS) was signed by Afghanistan on 29 April 2010. This agreement requires that signatories negotiate among each other Schedules of Specific Commitments on Services. Negotiations are currently undergoing. Any MFN exemptions will be notified at a later stage. | Afghanistan, Peoples Republic of Bangladesh, the Kingdom of Bhutan, the Republic of India, the Republic of Maldives, Nepal, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka | Indefinite | Regional integration |
| All Sectors | Bilateral Agreement between Turkey and Afghanistan on Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments signed 10 June 2004 stipulates national treatment whereby each party shall accord to investments, once established, treatment no less favourable than that accorded in similar situations to investments of its investors or to investments of investors of any third country, whichever is the most favourable. | Turkey | Indefinite | Bilateral investment relations |
| 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 and other countries with whom bilateral or plurilateral agreements may be concluded. | Indefinite. | Development of cultural links and protection of cultural heritage. |
| Audio-visual services | Measures based on intergovernmental and plurilateral 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 or plurilateral co-production agreements are/may be concluded. | Indefinite. | Development of cultural links and protection of cultural heritage. |
| 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 and other countries with whom bilateral or plurilateral agreements may be concluded. | Indefinite. | Development of cultural links and protection of cultural heritage. |

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| <p>F. Road Transport Services:</p> <p>(b) Freight transportation;</p> | <p>Afghanistan Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement, 2010</p> <p>Parties mutually provide National Treatment with respect to National Legislations: rules and procedures affecting transit traffic treatment applied to the transporters from the other Contracting Party shall be no less favourable than applied to their own like services and service providers; any charges, expenses or financial obligations incurred with regard to the means of transport and labour used for transit operations, administrative expenses entailed, or actual cost of services rendered, shall be calculated on the same basis as those for similar domestic transport operators.</p> <p>Subject to Domestic legislation and clearance from the concerned authorities, the Contracting Parties agree to grant permission to freight forwarders and transport operators of the other Contracting Party to establish offices in their respective territories for the purpose of operating activities related to trade in transit. This permission of commercial presence shall be granted on the basis of reciprocity.</p> <p>The Contracting Parties shall recognize domestic driving licenses, vehicle registration documents and vehicle license plates that are issued by the competent authorities of the other Contracting Party.</p> <p>The Contracting Parties shall recognize periodic inspection certificates of road vehicles and other means of transport used for transit transport operations issued by the other Contracting Party.</p> <p>The Contracting Parties may agree to set up a quota system when issuing transit Temporary Admission Document to respect a fair share of traffic between the two Contracting Parties.</p> <p>The vehicles carrying the Transit Cargo will be allowed to carry the return transit cargo from the territory of the other Contracting Party.</p> | Pakistan | Indefinite | Cooperation on transit trade with Pakistan. |