

GATS and GATS negotiations in commerce, 6 Aug 2003 - Part II

Annex 2 of Part I: Summary of GATS Negotiating Proposals in Distribution Services

	Domestic Regulation	Product coverage limitations	MA* and NT* limitations: general	Mode 3* ENTs*	Mode 3* Other	Mode 1*	Mode 4*
Australia 07. 03. '02	Improve transparency	Restrict to sensitive products	Reduce or eliminate	Reduce or eliminate	Improve, particularly as to type of corporate entities permitted		
Canada 14. 03. '01	Improve transparency. Strengthen industry associations				Improve, particularly as to type of corporate entities permitted	Remove commercial presence requirements	
Chile 14. 05. 01	Develop binding rules						Much scope for liberalisation
Colombia 27. 11. '01	Develop regulatory disciplines (Article VI.4)	Abolish	Abolish residence or nationality requirements (of personnel)	Abolish	Abolish restrictions on foreign equity holding	Abolish restrictions on e-commerce	More commitments, including both qualified and unqualified staff
EC 22. 12. '00		Restrict to very limited number of extremely sensitive products		Restrict to retailing services. Negotiate a clearly defined and non-discriminatory ENT			Improve and facilitate for the provision of specific services
Japan 22. 12. '00	Develop regulatory disciplines (Article VI.4), particularly as regards transparency				Reduce and eliminate limitations on land property acquisition		
Korea Rep. of 11. 05. '01	Promote transparency. Address onerous and unnecessary procedures	Further liberalisation	Remove	Address in negotiations	Address restrictions on foreign equity holding and other restrictions	Advance parallel negotiations in e-commerce	
Mercosur (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay,		Eliminate, particularly on products of special	Eliminate				

Uruguay) 04. 05. '01		interest to Mercosur: <u>wholesale trade</u> in agricultural raw materials and live animals; food, beverages and tobacco; textiles, clothing and footwear; household appliances, articles and equipment; pharmaceutical and medical goods and cosmetics; and miscellaneous consumer goods; and <u>food retailing services</u> .					
Switzerland 04. 05. '01	Clarify scope of Article VI. Commission agents' and wholesale trade should be largely exempted from restrictions, as directed at a "sophisticated clientele".	Reduce to minimum necessary, particularly on pharmaceuticals, foodstuffs and luxury goods					
United States 18. 12. '00	New disciplines addressing sector-specific regulatory issues, including transparency and fairness of administration		Eliminate	Eliminate	Remove and reduce obstacles		Facilitate temporary entry and exit of specialised, skilled personnel (including managers)

Table: UNI Commerce. Data: Negotiating Proposals in WTO negotiations on trade in services. Access can be obtained via the WTO website at http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/serv_e/s_propnewnegs_e.htm

*Definitions: MA = market access; NT = national treatment; ENTs = Economic needs tests; Mode 3 = commercial presence; Mode 1 = cross-border supply; Mode 4 = temporary presence of foreign workers.