Scope and Coverage of the GPA: approaches to coverage and Parties' coverage commitments under the revised Agreement and demonstration of the e-GPA online market access information tool

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The 2012 GPA market access deal: highlights



- Additional coverage more than 400 new entities (in total, across Parties);
- Additional coverage of <u>goods and services</u> (over 50 new services sectors), including new coverage of telecommunications services by nine Parties;
- New coverage of BOTs/public works concessions by three Parties;
- Full coverage of construction services by all Parties
- Reductions by several Parties in the thresholds applied under the 1994 Agreement.
- Deletion of country-specific derogations

Structure of Appendix I

<u>GPA 1994</u>

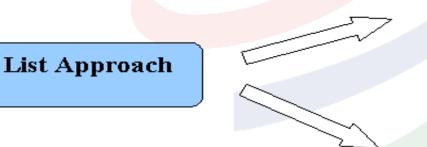
Annexes 1-3:
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2012 GPA (GPA/113)

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Main approaches to scheduling



<u>Positive List</u>: only the entities or items actually covered are listed

<u>Negative List</u>: the entities/items listed are excluded from coverage

Functional / Generic Approach



Coverage determined by <u>definition</u>, <u>description</u>, <u>function</u> or other characteristic. May or may not be linked to relevant domestic legislation

- **No one approach mandated**. Parties adopt liberally a list or functional approach or a mix of both
- Revised GPA: further adoption of functional approach by some Parties –
 e.g. EU, Iceland, Norway, Switzerland

Thresholds (general levels in SDR)

Entities	Goods	Services	Construction Services
Annex 1	130,000	130,000	5,000,000
Annex 2	200,000	200,000	5,000,000
Annex 3	400,000	400,000	5,000,000

- Coverage commitments of covered goods/services/construction services by covered entities are only applicable to procurements above specified thresholds.
- o Most Parties apply the general threshold levels.
- Reciprocity is the foundation of coverage commitments generally.
- Revised GPA: Some reductions in thresholds by some Parties

Entity coverage



- Entity coverage specified in three Annexes
- Annex 1 Central level entities
 - Broad coverage
- Annex 2 Sub-central level entities
 - Some Parties do not cover all sub-central government entities.
 - Some important improvements in recently concluded negotiations (e.g. Canada).
- Annex 3 Other entities
 - $\circ\,$ E.g. public utilities , state-owned enterprises
 - Less comprehensive coverage than other Annexes.

Goods & Services



Annex 4 – Goods (new)

- In principle covered unless specifically excluded (negative list approach);
- Exception: national security/military procurements
- Majority of Parties: covered non-sensitive defence procurement list (e.g. Armenia, Canada, EU, Korea, Norway, Singapore, Switzerland, Chinese Taipei, US)
- Annex 5 Services based on UN CPCprov /
 M/TO services classification list

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