

Annex 4
Referred to in Chapter 6

Financial Services

Section 1
Scope and Definitions

1. This Annex applies to measures affecting the supply of financial services. Reference to the supply of a financial service in this Annex shall mean the supply of a service as defined in subparagraph (1) of Article 58.

2. (a) For the purposes of this Annex:

(i) the term "financial service" means any service of a financial nature offered by a financial service supplier of a Party. Financial services include all insurance and insurance-related services, and all banking and other financial services (excluding insurance). Financial services include the following activities:

(A) Insurance and Insurance-Related Services

(AA) direct insurance (including co-insurance):

(aa) life; and

(bb) non-life;

(BB) reinsurance and retrocession;

(CC) insurance intermediation, such as brokerage and agency; and

(DD) services auxiliary to insurance, such as consultancy, actuarial, risk assessment and claim settlement services; and

(B) Banking and Other Financial Services
(Excluding Insurance)

- (AA) acceptance of deposits and other repayable funds from the public;
- (BB) lending of all types, including consumer credit, mortgage credit, factoring and financing of commercial transaction;
- (CC) financial leasing;
- (DD) all payment and money transmission services, including credit, charge and debit cards, travellers cheques and bankers drafts;
- (EE) guarantees and commitments;
- (FF) trading for own account or for account of customers, whether on an exchange, in an over-the-counter market or otherwise, the following:
 - (aa) money market instruments (including cheques, bills, certificates of deposits);
 - (bb) foreign exchange;
 - (cc) derivative products including, but not limited to, futures and options;
 - (dd) exchange rate and interest rate instruments, including products such as swaps, forward rate agreements;
 - (ee) transferable securities; and
 - (ff) other negotiable instruments and financial assets, including bullion;

- (GG) participation in issues of all kinds of securities, including underwriting and placement as agent (whether publicly or privately) and provision of services related to such issues;
 - (HH) money broking;
 - (II) asset management, such as cash or portfolio management, all forms of collective investment management, pension fund management, custodial, depository and trust services;
 - (JJ) settlement and clearing services for financial assets, including securities, derivative products, and other negotiable instruments;
 - (KK) provision and transfer of financial information, and financial data processing and related software by suppliers of other financial services; and
 - (LL) advisory, intermediation and other auxiliary financial services on all the activities listed in subparagraphs (AA) through (KK), including credit reference and analysis, investment and portfolio research and advice, advice on acquisitions and on corporate restructuring and strategy;
- (ii) the term "financial service supplier" means any natural or juridical person of a Party wishing to supply or supplying financial services, but does not include a public entity; and
 - (iii) the term "public entity" means:

- (A) a government, a central bank or a monetary authority of a Party, or an entity owned or controlled by a Party, that is principally engaged in carrying out governmental functions or activities for governmental purposes, not including an entity principally engaged in supplying financial services on commercial terms; or
 - (B) a private entity, performing functions normally performed by a central bank or monetary authority, when exercising those functions.
- (b) For the purposes of subparagraph (s) of Article 3, the term "services supplied in the exercise of governmental authority" means the following:
 - (i) activities conducted by a central bank or monetary authority or by any other public entity in pursuit of monetary or exchange rate policies;
 - (ii) activities forming part of a statutory system of social security or public retirement plans; and
 - (iii) other activities conducted by a public entity for the account or with the guarantee or using the financial resources of the Government.
- (c) For the purposes of subparagraph (s) of Article 3, if a Party allows any of the activities referred to in subparagraph (b) (ii) or (iii) to be conducted by its financial service suppliers in competition with a public entity or a financial service supplier, the term "services" shall include such activities.
- (d) Subparagraph (k) of Article 58 shall not apply to services covered by this Annex.

Section 2
Domestic Regulation

1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of Chapters 6, 7 and 8, a Party shall not be prevented from taking measures for prudential reasons, including measures for the protection of investors, depositors, policy holders or persons to whom a fiduciary duty is owed by a financial service supplier including an enterprise supplying financial services, or to ensure the integrity and stability of the financial system. Where such measures do not conform with the provisions of Chapters 6, 7 and 8, they shall not be used as a means of avoiding the Party's commitments or obligations under Chapters 6, 7 and 8.

2. Nothing in Chapter 6 shall be construed to require a Party to disclose information relating to the affairs and accounts of individual customers or any confidential or proprietary information in the possession of public entities.

Section 3
Recognition

1. A Party may recognise the prudential measures of any international standard setting body or non-Party in determining how the Party's measures relating to financial services shall be applied. Such recognition, which may be achieved through harmonisation or otherwise, may be based upon an agreement or arrangement with the international standard setting body or non-Party concerned or may be accorded autonomously.

2. A Party that is a party to such an agreement or arrangement referred to in paragraph 1, whether future or existing, shall afford adequate opportunity for the other Party to negotiate its accession to such an agreement or arrangement, or to negotiate comparable ones with it, under circumstances in which there would be equivalent regulation, oversight, implementation of such regulation, and if appropriate, procedures concerning the sharing of information between the parties to the agreement or arrangement. Where a Party accords recognition autonomously, it shall afford adequate opportunity for the other Party to demonstrate that such circumstances exist.

Section 4
Dispute Settlement

Arbitral tribunals established under Article 136 for disputes on prudential issues and other financial matters shall have the necessary expertise relevant to the specific financial service under dispute.

Section 5
New Financial Services

1. Each Party shall permit a financial service supplier of the other Party having commercial presence in its Area who is authorised to do business and regulated or supervised by a public entity under the law of the Party, to supply any new financial service that the first Party would permit its own financial service suppliers, in like circumstances, to supply. Each Party may determine the institutional and juridical form through which the new financial service may be supplied and may require authorisation for the supply of the new financial service.

2. Where a Party requires authorisation of the new financial service, a decision shall be made within a reasonable time.

3. For the purposes of this Section, the term a "new financial service" means a financial service that is not supplied by any financial service supplier in the Area of the first Party but which is supplied within the Area of the other Party and includes services related to existing and new financial products or the manner in which a financial product is delivered.

Section 6

Transfers of Information and Processing of Information

Neither Party shall take measures that prevent transfers of information or the processing of financial information, including transfers of data by electronic means, or that, subject to importation rules consistent with international agreements, prevent transfers of equipment, where such transfers of information, processing of financial information or transfers of equipment are necessary for the conduct of the ordinary business of a financial service supplier. Nothing in this Section restricts the right of a Party to protect personal data, personal privacy and the confidentiality of individual records and accounts so long as such right is not used to circumvent the provisions of Chapter 6 and related provisions of this Agreement.

Section 7

Exchange of Views on Financial Services

The Parties shall hold meetings to exchange views on issues relating to financial services through appropriate forum existing at the time of entry into force of this Agreement or that agreed by the Parties, at such time and venue as may be agreed by the Parties. The meetings shall be composed of relevant entities including but not limited to supervisory authority, which shall be decided by respective Parties.