APPENDIX 2 TO ANNEX X

LIST OF RESERVATIONS OF ICELAND

Iceland undertakes the commitment to not maintain or introduce limitations inconsistent with Article 3.4 (Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment), Article 3.5 (Market Access) or Article 3.6 (National Treatment) of the Agreement apart from those reservations described in this List of Reservations.

EXPLANATORY NOTE TO THE LIST OF RESERVATIONS OF ICELAND

- 1. This List of Reservations sets out, pursuant to Article 3.17, the reservations taken by Iceland with respect to measures that do not conform with obligations imposed by Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4), Market Access (Article 3.5) or National Treatment (Article 3.6)
- 2. The services sectors for which Iceland has inscribed reservations are listed in this document according to the WTO document MTN.GNS/W/120.
- 3. Reservations are listed as follows in this document:
 - a) **Sector** means the services sector listed in the WTO document MTN.GNS/W/120.
 - b) **Sub-Sector** means the sub-sector listed in the WTO document MTN.GNS/W/120.
 - c) **Industry Classification** means the classification code of the UN Provisional Central Product Classification that it is referenced in the WTO document MTN.GNS/W/120 for each services sector in that WTO document.
 - d) **Type of Reservation** identifies the specific Articles of the Agreement from which Iceland takes reservations (Article 3.4 (Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment), Article 3.5 (Market Access) or Article 3.6 (National Treatment)).
 - e) **Level of Government** identifies the level of government maintaining the measure.
 - f) **Legal basis i**dentifies the laws, regulations etc. under which Iceland takes reservations. "Legal basis" are identified for purely transparency purposes, and Iceland does not undertake any commitments under the Agreement to maintain the laws, regulation etc. mentioned. Iceland reserves the right to suspend, amend or to introduce new laws, regulations etc. Such changes shall not introduce restrictions beyond those indicated in the heading "Reservation" for sectors and sub-sectors in this List of Reservations unless otherwise qualified by the Reservation.
 - g) **Reservation** describes the reservation from Article 3.4 (Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment), Article 3.5 (Market Access) or Article 3.6 (National Treatment). Iceland undertakes to not introduce reservations beyond those described therein unless otherwise qualified by the Reservation.
- 4. The fact that a reservation contains a particular measure shall not be used to infer that the provisions of Chapter 3 of the Agreement cover necessarily such a measure.

New services, and services not explicitly included in the WTO services classification list contained in WTO document MTN.GNS/W/120 and Services falling under other services in that list for which no

corresponding CPC number is listed

Sub-Sector:

Industry Classification:

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

> Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: All

Legal basis:

Reservation: Iceland reserves the right to maintain, adopt, modify

> and introduce any measures inconsistent with the obligations set out in Article 3.4 (Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment), Article 3.5 (Market Access) and Article 3.6 (National Treatment) for any new services and services not included in the WTO services classification list contained in the WTO document MTN.GNS/W/120 and services falling under the other services in that list for which no corresponding CPC

number is listed.

Sub-Sector:

Industry Classification:

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: All

Legal basis:

Reservation: Iceland reserves the right to maintain, adopt, modify

and introduce any measures inconsistent with the obligations set out in Article 3.4 (Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment), Article 3.5 (Market Access) and Article 3.6 (National Treatment) and for services supplied in the exercise of governmental authority or considered as public utilities at a national level or local level in Iceland. Such services may be subject to monopolies or exclusive rights granted to public or to

private operators.

Sub-Sector:

Industry Classification:

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Level of Government: All

Legal basis: Trade agreements notified under Article V or Article V

bis of the GATS

Reservation: Iceland does not extend to Hong Kong, China any

preferences granted to third countries or EFTA States pursuant to agreements notified in accordance with

Article V or Article V bis of the GATS.

Sub-Sector:

Industry Classification:

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Level of Government: All

Legal basis: Measures aimed at promoting Nordic and Nordic-

Baltic co-operation, such as:

• Guarantees and loans to investment projects and exports (The Nordic Investment Bank)

• Financial support to research and development (R&D) projects (The Nordic Industrial Fund)

• Funding of feasibility studies for international projects (The Nordic Fund for Project Exports)

 Financial assistance to companies ¹ utilizing environmental technology (The Nordic

Environment Finance Co-operation)

Reservation: Iceland does not extend to Hong Kong, China any

preferences granted to third countries or EFTA States pursuant to measures aimed at promoting Nordic co-

operation.

Applies to East European companies, which are co-operating with a Nordic company.

Sub-Sector:

Industry Classification:

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: All

Legal basis:

Reservation: Iceland reserves the right to maintain, adopt, modify

and introduce any measures inconsistent with the obligations set out in Article 3.4 (Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment), Article 3.5 (Market Access) and Article 3.6 (National Treatment) for public or private services and activities that may involve ionizing

radiation hazard.

Sub-Sector:

Industry Classification:

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Act No. 18/1996 on Genetically Modified Organisms

Reservation: Deliberate release of genetically modified organisms is

subject to prior approval pursuant to Act No. 18/1996.

Sub-Sector:

Industry Classification:

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Bilateral Investment Treaties

Reservation: Iceland does not extend to Hong Kong, China any

preferences granted under any existing or future bilateral investment treaties to which Iceland is a party.

Sub-Sector:

Industry Classification:

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Level of Government: All

Legal basis: Agreements of the Nordic Council of Ministers, as

qualified by the Reservation

Reservation: Iceland does not extend to Hong Kong, China any

preferences granted to the Member States of the Nordic Council of Ministers, including any future amendments

thereof.

Sub-Sector:

Industry Classification:

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Articles 1 and 2 of Act No. 19/1966, on the Right of

Ownership and Use of Real Property, as qualified by

the Reservation

Reservation: Non-residents may only acquire real estate in

conjunction to their business activities and can only obtain ordinary proprietary rights linked to the real estate. Non-residents are thus excluded from obtaining full property rights of real estate if unusual rights are linked to it, such as exploitation rights *inter alia*

relating to waterfalls and geothermal energy.

Non-residents cannot conclude an agreement on realestate lease without the permission of the Ministry of the Interior if the lease is for a period exceeding three years and not for use in conducting its normal business

activities.

Contracts concerning ownership and long-term use of real-estate by non-residents are not valid until the Ministry of the Interior has endorsed it in writing.

Sub-Sector:

Industry Classification:

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Articles 3 and 66 of Act No. 2/1995 respecting Public

Limited Companies

Articles 3 and 42 of Act No. 138/1994 respecting

Private Limited Companies

Articles 7 and 97 of Act No. 3/2006 respecting Annual

Accounts

Art. 2 and 4 of Act No. 28/1998 on Professional

Commerce

Reservation: The majority of the founders of a Public Limited

Company, and at least one of the founders of a Private Limited Company, shall be resident in Iceland, unless exempted from this requirement by the Minister of Economic Affairs. Citizens of other European Economic Area (EEA), EFTA Member States and Faroe Islands are exempted from the residency

requirement.

The managers and at least a half of the members of the board of directors of Public and Private Limited Companies shall be resident in Iceland, unless exempted from this requirement by the Minister of Economic Affairs. Citizens of other EEA, EFTA Member States and Faroe Islands are exempted from

the residency requirement.

At least one of the auditors of the annual account shall

have domicile in Iceland.

At least one of the auditors of an Icelandic limited liability company must be a resident in Iceland or a competent resident Certified Professional Auditor

(CPA) company.

Commerce or trade activity must be registered with the companies register, the register of limited companies, register of cooperatives, or the register of private nonprofit organisations, as appropriate.

Sub-Sector:

Industry Classification:

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Act No. 17/2003 on Register of Enterprises, as

qualified by the Reservation

Reservation: Business Enterprises must be registered in the Icelandic

Register of Business Enterprises unless otherwise specified in the Register of Business Enterprises Act. Registration requires fulfilment of limitations on

corporate forms.

Commercial presence requires establishment of limited liability company, unless otherwise specified in this

List of Reservations.

Sub-Sector:

Industry Classification:

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Articles 2, 3, 4, 8 and 9 of The Industrial Act No.

42/1978, with subsequent amendments

Reservation: Licence is required for the operation of an industry for

professional purposes in Iceland or within Icelandic territorial waters. Industry includes both manual trades and manufacturing industry whichever materials or energy, machinery or other equipment are used and whichever goods or materials are produced. A licence can only be granted to Icelandic citizens. However, a license can also be granted to citizens from other countries, provided that they have had a domicile in

Iceland for at least a year.

In case of a corporate applying for a licence, the manager and board members must fulfil the above criteria. In case of a corporate with unlimited liability, the same applies to owners with unlimited liability.

The right to engage in industrial work in such branches of industry belongs to Masters, Journeymen and apprentices in the trade. Branches of industry which are operated as manual shall at all times be operated under the management of a Master. The right to connect one's title to an authorized branch of industry belongs exclusively to those holding Journeymen's or Masters' certificates in the trade.

Sub-Sector:

Industry Classification:

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

> Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: All

Legal basis: Temporary provisions I and II of Act No. 87/1992 on

> Foreign Exchange. Rules on foreign exchange, No. 370/2010, Articles No 2, 3, 10 and 11 (the Rules are

reviewed every six months)

Article 29 of Act No. 36/2001 on the Central Bank of Iceland, and Rules of the Central Bank on the Obligation to Provide Information in respect of Foreign Exchange Transactions and Cross-Border Capital

Movements

All foreign currency transfers must be reported to the Central Bank of Iceland for statistical purposes.

> All cross-border movement of foreign-denominated capital according to Paragraph 1 of Temporary Provision I of Act No. 87/1992 is prohibited unless it is for the purchase of goods or services or is particularly exempted according to these Rules. Foreign exchange transactions between residents and non-residents are prohibited if domestic currency is part of the transaction.

> Furthermore, a non-resident individual is permitted to transfer foreign currency in an amount not to exceed the equivalent of 3,000,000 kr. per calendar year, if it is demonstrated that the funds will be used for the individual's own living expenses.

> Wages earned in Iceland by a non-resident in the past six (6) months are exempt from the Rules. Furthermore, foreign exchange transactions related to such movement of capital shall not be limited by Article 3, Paragraph 1. The same applies to wages earned by a resident domiciled abroad for purposes of work or study.

Reservation:

A resident individual is permitted to purchase foreign currency at a financial undertaking in Iceland, in an amount not to exceed the equivalent of 350,000 kr. in cash per calendar month, if it is demonstrated that the funds will be used for travel abroad.

The restrictions on cross-border capital movements or foreign exchange transactions related thereto are temporary and the intention is to abolish them as soon as possible.

Violations of the provisions of the Rules are subject to administrative fines and penalties.

Sub-Sector:

Industry Classification:

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Article 4 of Act No. 34/1991 on Investment by Non-

residents in Business Enterprises

Reservation: All foreign investment of a Foreign State or companies

and organisations owned by a Foreign State requires a special concession of the Ministry of Economic

Affairs.

Investment by non-residents in Iceland is subject to the

following restrictions:

1. Only the following may conduct fishing operations within the Icelandic fisheries jurisdiction according to existing laws on Fishing Rights within the Icelandic Territorial Waters or own or run enterprises engaged in fish processing:

- a. Icelandic citizens and other Icelandic persons;
- b. Icelandic legal persons which are wholly owned by Icelandic persons or Icelandic legal persons which:
 - i. are controlled by Icelandic entities;
 - ii. are not under more than 25% ownership of foreign residents calculated on the basis of share capital or initial capital. However, if the share of an Icelandic legal person in a legal person conducting fishing operations in the Icelandic fisheries jurisdiction or fish processing in Iceland is not above 5%, the share of the foreign resident may be up to 33%;
 - iii. are in other respects under the ownership of Icelandic citizens or Icelandic legal persons controlled by Icelandic persons.

Fish processing under this paragraph 1 means freezing, salting, drying or any other processing which protects fish and other marine products from decay, including the production of fish-oil and fish-meal. However, processing in this context does not include smoking, pickling, canning and retail packaging or further processing designed to render products more suitable for distribution, consumption, or cooking.

2. Only Icelandic citizens and other Icelandic persons are permitted to own energy exploitation rights as regards waterfalls and geothermal energy for other than domestic use. The same applies to enterprises which produce or distribute energy.

Individuals domiciled in another Member State of the EEA, an EFTA Member State or the Faroe Islands and legal persons which are domiciled in another EEA Member State shall have the same right. Investment agreements between Iceland and non-Member States of the EEA may stipulate that residents of such state or legal persons domiciled in such states shall also have the same right provided that such agreements are submitted to the Althingi for ratification by resolution.

A non-resident who obtains ownership or utilization rights over real estate in accordance with the provisions of law on ownership and utilization rights of real estate may utilize geothermal energy for direct use in his enterprise within the limits set by The Energy Act.

- 3. The combined share of non-residents in Icelandic airline companies may not at any time exceed 49%. Individuals domiciled in another Member State of the EEA and legal persons there domiciled are exempted from the provisions of this subparagraph.
- 4. Investment in Icelandic enterprises by foreign states, local authorities or other foreign authority involved in enterprises is prohibited except with a special permission from the Minister of Economic Affairs.
- 5. Non-residents may acquire title to real estate in Iceland for direct use in his enterprise in accordance with the provisions of the Act governing the ownership and utilization rights of real estate.

Icelandic person means the State Treasury and local

governments as well as institutions, enterprises and funds in Iceland which are wholly under their ownership, Icelandic citizens resident in Iceland and legal persons domiciled in Iceland which are wholly owned by Icelandic public institutions, Icelandic citizens resident in Iceland or other legal persons domiciled in Iceland and which are wholly owned by Icelandic citizens resident in Iceland. Icelandic legal person means a legal person domiciled in Iceland irrespective of the form of legal identity or ownership of the enterprise. A legal person is regarded as being domiciled in Iceland if it is registered as domiciled in this country, if its articles of association state its domicile in this country or if its effective management board is in Iceland. Icelandic legal person controlled by an Icelandic person or persons in this Reservation means an Icelandic legal person which is under the majority ownership of an Icelandic person, as through majority of share capital or majority of initial capital, which holds the majority vote or has effective control of the said legal person.

Sub-Sector:

Industry Classification:

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Article 7 and 8 of Act No. 34/1991, on Investment by

Non-residents in Business Enterprises

Article 29 of Act No. 36/2001 on the Central Bank of Iceland, and Rules of the Central Bank on the Obligation to Provide Information in respect of Foreign Exchange

Transactions and Cross-Border Capital Movements

Reservation: Service providers shall inform the Ministry of Economic

Affairs of investments made by non-residents in business enterprises in Iceland and the Central Bank of Iceland of investments made by non-residents in securities in

Iceland.

Sub-Sector:

Industry Classification:

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Act on the European Economic Area No. 2/1993

Treaty on the European Economic Area

Act on Public Limited Liability Companies No. 2/1995 Act on Private Limited Liability Companies No.

138/1994

Reservation: Treatment accorded to subsidiaries of third-country

companies formed in accordance with the law of an EEA Member State or an EFTA Member State or the Faroe Islands and having their registered office, central administration or principal place of business within an EEA Member State or an EFTA Member State or the Faroe Islands may be extended to branches or agencies established in an EEA Member State or an EFTA Member State or the Faroe Islands by a third-country company only if they show that they possess an effective and continuous link with the economy of one of the EEA Member States or an EFTA Member State

or the Faroe Islands.

Sub-Sector:

Industry Classification:

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: All

Legal basis:

Reservation: Iceland reserves the right to maintain, modify or adopt

any measures with respect to subsidies for all sectors which are not inconsistent with its commitments under

the GATS.

Sub-Sector:

Industry Classification:

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: The Foreign Nationals' Right to Work Act No.

97/2002, with subsequent amendments

Act No. 96/2002 on Foreigners, with subsequent

amendments

As qualified by the Reservation

Reservation: For entering and staying, foreign nationals must have a

residence permit or a visa. Any foreign national, who intends to take up work with or without remuneration or who wishes to be self-employed, must have a work

permit.

Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China regarding entry and temporary stay and work of natural persons, and to maintain, modify or adopt any measures relating to the entry and temporary stay and work of natural persons, with the exception of persons falling within the categories defined below, and subject to the limitations and conditions set out below and to the condition that entry, stay and work of foreign service suppliers in Iceland are subject to authorisation (requirement of visa, residence permit and work permit). In any instance, natural persons under these categories need to comply with immigration laws and regulations applicable to entry, temporary stay and work. All requirements regarding entry, stay, work, wages, working conditions and social security benefits shall continue to apply.

General provisions:

Natural persons with a permanent residence permit and permanent work permit in Iceland are not considered as persons residing in or entering Iceland for the purpose of temporary stay or temporary employment in Iceland.

Most-Favoured Nation Treatment Limitation:

Measures based on agreements between the Nordic countries, i.e. Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden, with the objective of providing for the movement of all categories of natural persons supplying services.

Categories of natural persons allowed for entry and temporary stay:

I. Intra-corporate transferees (ICT) temporary work permit

The Directorate of Labour may waive the condition of item 2. i. mentioned below regarding granting a temporary work permit in cases where an employer sends his employee to work temporarily at his branch in Iceland, providing that the person involved is an employee of the employer who holds an unrestricted contract of employment as:

- a. Executive: person who primarily directs the management of the branch covered by the agreement and establish its goals and generally have a wide decision making authority.
- b. Manager: person who directs the branch covered by the agreement, or its departments, at a senior level, responsible for service provision functions of the branch by supervising and controlling, and who also has the authority to hire and fire personnel or recommend such and other personnel actions.
- c. Specialist: person within the branch who possess knowledge at an advanced level of expertise or who is otherwise essential or proprietal to the branches service, research equipment, techniques or management.

The Directorate of Labour may require the employer to cite reasons establishing why it is essential that the foreign national involved should come to work at his branch in Iceland, if the directorate considers this necessary.

Such a work permit which is granted for the first time shall not be granted for longer than one year, but in no case for longer than the engagement period specified in the employment contract. A permit may be extended for up to one further year providing certain conditions are met.

Temporary work permits are subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Compliance with an economic and labour market needs test.
- 2. General conditions for a temporary work permit.

A temporary work permit may be granted if the following conditions, amongst others, are met:

- i. That employees cannot be found either on the domestic labour market or within the EEA, the EFTA states or the Faroe Islands, or that there are other special reasons for granting the permit. Before a permit is granted, the employer shall have sought employees with the assistance of the Directorate of Labour, unless it is a foregone conclusion, in the opinion of the directorate, that such a search would prove fruitless.
- ii. That the local trade union in the relevant branch of industry, or the appropriate national federation, has made its comment on the application. A comment shall be made within seven days of receipt of a copy of the application for a work permit and of the employment contract. However, this condition may be waived where there is no overall organisation or national federation in the relevant branch of industry.
- iii. That an employment contract between the employer and the foreign national has been signed, covering a specific period or task and guaranteeing the foreign national wages and other terms equal to those enjoyed by Icelandic nationals and in conformity with the valid legislation and relevant collective agreements. In the case of jobs lying outside the scope of collective agreements, the foreign national shall be guaranteed wages and other terms equal to those applying to Icelandic nationals.
- iv. That it is demonstrated that the employer has taken out health insurance for the foreign national in accordance with the Foreign Nationals Act.

v. That the employer guarantee to pay the cost of sending the employee back to his home at the end of the employment period in the event of the termination of employment for which the employee is not responsible or if the employee becomes incapable of working for a long period as a result of illness or an accident. The country to which the employee may be sent home shall be specified in the employment contract.

Temporary residence permit

Foreign nationals may be granted temporary residence permits in connection with the above-mentioned. The conditions for granting temporary residence permits under this Article shall include the following:

- a. that the foreign national meets the requirements below:
- b. that the above-mentioned work permit has been issued.

Such temporary residence permits shall not initially be issued for more than one year, and in no case for a longer period than the term of the work permit. Temporary residence permits may be extended if certain conditions are met.

Temporary residence permits are subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Compliance with an economic and labour market test
- 2. Basic conditions for a temporary residence permit.

A foreign national may be granted a temporary residence permit in response to an application if he meets the following basic requirements.

- his support, health insurance and accommodation are secure in accordance with further rules set by the Minister of the Interior.
- ii. he meets the requirements for a temporary residence permit as set forth in this Act and other regulations under the first paragraph of Article 3.
- iii. he gives his consent to undergo a medical examination within two weeks of his arrival in Iceland in accordance with current legislation and the instructions of the health

authorities, and

iv. no circumstances obtain which could result in his being refused entry into Iceland or residence in the country under other articles of this Act.

A foreign national's support under item 2 i. is considered secure if he receives wages or payments from independent activities that are sufficient to support him, or if he has sufficient private funds to cover his support during his stay in the country or if he receives a student loan or study grant that is sufficient to cover his support. Private funds, student loans or study grants must be denominated in a currency that is registered at the Central Bank of Iceland. Support may be based on more than one of these sources, in which case it shall be considered as secure if the foreign national is able to demonstrate that his overall financial capacity is sufficient to cover his Unemployment benefit or payment in the form of social assistance by the state or a local authority shall not be regarded as a secure means of support for the purpose of this Reservation. The same shall apply to social security payments to which the foreign national becomes entitled on the basis of permanent residence in Iceland.

II. Service sellers:

Representatives on business visits for companies that do not have branches in Iceland. Persons who, as representatives of a service provider covered by the agreement, are seeking temporary entry for purposes of negotiation of the sale of services or who are entering into agreements to sell services for that service provider, where this selling activity is not directed to the general public.

Access is subject to the following conditions:

- Temporary entry, stay and work limited up to four weeks period each year in Iceland;
- Compliance with an economic and labour market test is not required.

All commitments and limitations of Iceland relating to the supply of services through presence of a physical person (Mode 4) are covered wholly and exclusively in this Reservation.

Sub-Sector: Professional Services: Architectural services,

engineering services, integrated engineering services, urban planning and landscape architectural services, Computer and Related Services, Other Business Services: Advertising services, technical testing and

analysis services

Industry Classification: CPC Prov 8671 Architectural Services

CPC Prov 8672 Engineering Services

CPC Prov 8673 Integrated Engineering Services
CPC Prov 8674 Urban Planning and Landscape

Architectural Services

CPC Prov. 841-844

and 849 Computer and Related Services

CPC Prov. 871 Advertising Services

CPC Prov. 8676 Technical Testing and Analysis

Services

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Articles 2 and 3 of the Act respecting the Authorisation

of Several Professional Titles of Specialists in Technical and Design Faculties No. 8/1996, with

subsequent amendments

Reservation: The use of the following professional titles: Computer

Scientists, Engineers, Chartered Engineers, Architects, Furniture and Interior Architects (Furniture and Interior Designers) or part of this title, Landscape Architects (Landscape Designers), Construction Engineers, Technicians, Planners, Electrical Specialists, Graphic

Designers:

The right to use the above professional titles or words which cover these titles belongs only to those persons who have obtained the permission of the Minister of

Industry, Energy and Tourism.

Nobody may be granted the permission unless he has completed a final examination in the faculty concerned.

Sub-Sector: Professional Services

Legal Services

Industry Classification: Part of CPC Prov. 861

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Act No. 77/1998 on Professional Lawyers

Regulation No. 900/2004 on Granting Foreign Lawyers Licence to Practice Law in Iceland as District Court

Lawyers

Reservation: The term "attorney" refers to any person who is

licensed as a representative in litigation before the

Supreme Court or the district courts.

To be granted a licence to practice law as a district court attorney the person has to have completed legal studies with a final examination or a master's examination from the legal faculty of a university recognised in Iceland in accordance with the Act on Universities and undergo an examination under the auspice of the Ministry of the Interior.

A licence to practice law as a Supreme Court attorney may be granted to any person applying for such licence and who has among other things had licenced as a district court attorney for a period of five years.

The Minister of the Interior assesses foreign lawyer's applications requesting a licence to practice law as a District Court Attorneys on the basis of his or her lawyer's licence. The applicant shall always undergo a test. The granting of licence shall always be dependent on the condition that the State, that granted the applicant attorney's licence, will grant an Icelandic Attorney comparable rights with equivalent conditions.

Members of the Icelandic Bar Association have an exclusive right to represent clients before courts in Iceland.

The Advocate is personally responsible for his activities. To have an interest (own shares/ and/or be a member of the board of the firm) in a firm of Icelandic advocates is only possible when taking active part in the business.

Restrictions on cooperation with Icelandic advocates as a consequence of legislation on how a firm of Iceland advocates may be organized.

Sub-Sector: Professional Services

Accounting, auditing and book-keeping services

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 862

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Articles 2, 3, 4, 6 and 12 of Act No. 79/2008 on

Auditors

Reservation: In order to be accredited as an auditor, the person

concerned must be domiciled in Iceland or be a national of a Member State of the EEA, EFTA or the

Faroe Islands.

Those applying for accreditation shall have completed their masters in auditing and accounting, acknowledged by the Council of Auditors and pass a special exam.

The majority of votes in an auditing company shall be held by auditors or auditing firms recognised in the EEA or the Member States of the Convention establishing the EFTA or in the Faroe Islands.

The Ministry of Economic Affairs will publish a list of auditors and auditing firms that have permits to operate in Iceland. Others than listed auditors and auditing firms can not call themselves auditors or auditing firms. Only listed auditors or auditing firms are authorised to provide auditing services.

Sub-Sector: Professional Services

Medical and dental services

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 9312

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis:

Reservation: Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less

favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China service suppliers of medical and dental services and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to market access and national treatment in this

field.

Sub-Sector: Professional Services

Veterinary services

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 932

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Article 6, 10 and 11 of Act No. 66/1998 on Veterinarians and

Health Services to Animals

Regulation No. 21/1983 on Granting Authorisation for

Veterinary Medicine

Regulation No. 773/2006 on Authorisation to Pursue the Occupation of Veterinarians in Iceland for Veterinarians who

have Completed their Studies in States within the EEA

Reservation: Only veterinarians who have completed their studies at a

veterinary college recognised by Icelandic authorities are

authorised to practice in Iceland.

Veterinarians, who pursue their occupation in Iceland, are obliged to familiarise themselves with Icelandic law and

regulations on veterinary practice.

A veterinarian is authorised to refer to himself as a specialist and practice as such in Iceland if he has obtained authorisation from the Minister of Fisheries and Agriculture, has been authorised to practice as a specialist in a State, which is a Member to the Agreement on the EEA, or in a State Member to

the Convention Establishing the EFTA.

Ability in the Icelandic language is required.

Sub-Sector: Professional Services

Services provided by midwives, nurses,

physiotherapists and para-medical personnel

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 93191

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis:

Reservation: Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less

favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China suppliers of services provided by midwives, nurses, physiotherapists and para-medical personnel and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to market access and national

treatment in this field.

Sub-Sector: Professional Services

Computer and related services

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 843-845 and 849

Type of Reservation: National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Article 29 of Act No. 77/2000 on the Protection of

Privacy as regards the Processing of Personal Data

Reservation: Concession is needed from the Data Protection

Authority if personal data is to be transferred, and/or

processed outside Icelandic jurisdiction.

Sub-Sector: Research and development services

R&D services on natural sciences

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 851

Type of Reservation: National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Article 15 of Act No. 60/1992 on the Icelandic Institute

of Natural History

Article 3 of Act No. 51/1981 on Plant Disease and Pest

Control

Reservation: Permission by the Icelandic Institute of Natural History

required for export of natural history specimens.

A licence is needed for the importation of research

equipment.

Sub-Sector: Research and development services

R&D services for social sciences and humanities

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 852

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: The National Monuments Act No. 107/2001

Act No. 105/2001 on the export of objects of cultural value and on the return of objects of cultural value to

other countries

Reservation: Archaeological finds must not be exported from the

country unless permitted by the Museum Council

(Safnaráð).

It is prohibited to transfer cultural objects to Iceland if the transfer is in violation of:

a. rules applicable in the EEA in regard to the

from a State in the area, or

b. legislation of the State from where the cultural

return of cultural objects transferred illegally

objects are transferred.

This also applies to if the cultural objects are transferred legally to the country but not returned

within the prescribed time-limit.

All archaeological research whether by Icelandic or foreign researchers is subject to a permit granted by the Archaeological Preservation Agency (Fornleifanefnd

ríkisins).

Sub-Sector: Real estate services involving own or leased property

On a fee or contract basis

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 821, 822

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Articles 1, 2 and 5 of Act No. 99/2004, on Marine,

Firms and Real Estate Agents

Article 74 of the Rent Act No. 36/1994, with

subsequent amendments

Reservation: Authorisation required in order for parties to act on

behalf of others as intermediaries in the buying, selling or trading of real estate, ships and business enterprises.

One of the conditions for authorisation is that the

person concerned is domiciled in Iceland.

A real estate agent is obliged to possess a liability insurance to cover financial losses due to his negligence or the negligence of those working for him, as well as to cover the losses of clients for the reason the settlement of a real estate agent who has ceased to operate has not been completed.

One of the conditions for receiving a licence from a Minister to operate a rental agency is that the person concerned is domiciled in Iceland. The rental agent is also obliged to possess a liability insurance.

Condition of one year previous residency is required in order to obtain licence to provide services in residential building and land sales, and other related intermediary services for purchase and sale of real-estate.

Sub-Sector: Rental/Leasing Services without Operators

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 83101-83109 + 832

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government National

Legal basis Articles 3, 11, 20 and 50 of Act No. 161/2002 on

Financial Undertakings

Article 66 of Act No. 2/1995, on Public Limited

Companies

Reservation Residence required for the establishment of a leasing

company. The Minister of Economic Affairs may grant

an exemption to citizens of other countries.

Leasing services must be provided either by a corporation with a limited liability (i.e. leasing companies) or registered commercial banks or savings

banks.

Majority of the board of a leasing company shall be resident in Iceland. The manager shall be resident in

Iceland.

A leasing company is required to have an operating

licence from the Financial Supervisory Authority.

Sub-Sector: Rental/Leasing Services without Operators

Relating to ships

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 83103

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Articles 1 and 2 of Act No. 115/1985 on the

Registration of Ships

Reservation: To be registered in the ship register, the ship must be

owned by Icelandic natural or juridical persons who are resident in Iceland. Further nationality restrictions on

fishing vessels.

Rental/Leasing Services without Operators Sub-Sector:

Relating to aircraft

CPC Prov. 83104 **Industry Classification:**

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Article 10 of Act No. 60/1998 on Air Travel

To be registered in the aircraft register, the aircraft must be owned by Icelandic natural or juridical persons Reservation:

resident in Iceland.

Sub-Sector: Rental/Leasing Services without Operators

Relating to other transport equipment

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 83101, 83102 and 83105

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Article 4 of Act No. 64/2000, on Car Rental Services

Reservation: Residency requirement for car rental services.

33. Sector: OTHER BUSINESS SERVICES

Sub-Sector: Market research and public opinion polling services

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 864

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Article 29 of Act No. 77/2000 on the Protection of

Privacy as regards the Processing of Personal Data

Reservation: Concession is needed from the Data Protection

Authority if personal data is to be transferred and/or,

processed outside Icelandic jurisdiction.

Sub-Sector: Other business services

Services incidental to fishing

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 882

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis:

Reservation: Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less

favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China suppliers of services provided incidental to fishing and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to market access and national treatment in this

field.

Sub-Sector: Other business services

Services incidental to mining

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 883 and 5115

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis:

Reservation: Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less

favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China suppliers of services incidental to mining and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to

market access and national treatment in this field.

Sub-Sector: Other business services

Services incidental to energy distribution

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 887

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis:

Reservation: Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less

favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China suppliers of services incidental to energy distribution and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to market access and national treatment in this

field.

Sub-Sector: Other business services

Placement and supply of Personnel

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 872

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis:

Reservation: Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less

favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China suppliers of placement and supply services of Personnel and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to market access and national

treatment in this field.

Sub-Sector: Other business services

Investigation and security

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 873

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis:

Reservation: Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less

favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China suppliers of investigation and security services and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to market access and national treatment in this

field.

Sub-Sector: Printing and publishing

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 88442

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Article 10 of the Printing Act No. 57/1956

Reservation: Residency requirement for publishing of newspapers or

magazines within the national territory. Residency

requirement for editors.

Sub-Sector: Other business services

Other

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 8790

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis:

Reservation: Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less

favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China suppliers of other business services and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to market

access and national treatment in this field.

Sub-Sector: Postal services

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 7511

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis:

Reservation: Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less

favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China suppliers of postal services and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to market access

and national treatment in this field.

Sub-Sector: Courier services

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 7512

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis:

Reservation: Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less

favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China suppliers of courier services and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to market access and

national treatment in this field.

Sub-Sector: New telecommunication services

Industry Classification:

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis:

Reservation: Iceland reserves the right to introduce any new

measures to restrict market access for Telecommunication services that where not supplied on

Icelandic territory before 1 January 2008.

As regards commercial presence, such future restrictive measures shall grant national treatment. As regards cross-border trade, Iceland reserves the possibility to

introduce any new discriminatory measure.

For the purpose of this Reservation, new telecommunication services include services related to existing or new products or the manner in which a

product is delivered.

Sub-Sector: Telecommunication services:

Electronic mailVoice mail

- On-line information and data base retrieval

- Electronic data interchange (EDI)

- Enhanced/value-added facsimile services, incl. store

and forward, store and retrieveCode and protocol conversion

- On-line information and/or data processing

(incl.transaction processing)

except value added services

Industry Classification: Part of CPC Prov. 7523, Part of CPC Prov. 843

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis:

Reservation: Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less

favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China suppliers of telecommunication services in the Sub-Sector above and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to market access and national

treatment in this field.

Sub-Sector: All Audiovisual Services

Industry Classification:

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: All

Legal basis:

Reservation: Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less

favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China suppliers of all audiovisual services and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to market

access and national treatment in this field.

Sub-Sector: All Audiovisual Services

Industry Classification:

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Level of Government: All

Legal basis: Conventions and agreements of the Council of Europe,

as qualified by the Reservation

Reservation: Iceland does not extend to the other Party any

preferences granted to Member States of the Council of

Europe, including any future amendments thereof.

47. Sector: AUDIOVISUAL SERVICES

Sub-Sector: Motion picture and video tape production and

distribution services

Motion picture projection services Radio and television services

Radio and television transmission services

Sound recording

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 9611, 9612, 9613, 7524

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis:

Reservation: Measures based upon existing and future government-

to-government framework agreements and plurilateral agreements, on co-production on audiovisual works, which confer national treatment to audiovisual works covered by these agreements, in particular in relation to

distribution and access to funding.

Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China suppliers of audiovisual services and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to market

access and national treatment in this field.

48. Sector: CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED

ENGINEERING SERVICES

Sub-Sector: Other construction and related engineering services.

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 511, 515 and 518

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis:

Reservation: Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less

favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China suppliers of other construction and related engineering services and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to market access and national

treatment in this field.

49. Sector: DISTRIBUTION SERVICES

Sub-Sector: Retailing services

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 6111

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Articles 12 and 13 of Act No. 28/1998 on Professional

Commerce

Reservation: Anyone seeking to trade in or act as an agent with used

vehicles shall possess an operating licence to do so.

One condition for such operating licence is to be domiciled in Iceland. In the case of a legal person, all members of the board shall fulfil the condition regarding domicile. The managers or director of the

operation shall further fulfil the same condition.

Traders of used vehicles are obliged to possess a liability insurance with a recognised insurance undertaking, a bank guarantee or other acceptable guarantees to pay its clients compensation for any loss he may have caused them through his activities as a car

sales agent.

50. Sector: DISTRIBUTION SERVICES

Sub-Sector: Distribution services related to imports, trade and sales

in alcoholic beverages

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 621, 622, 631

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Act No. 63/1969 on the Sales of Alcoholic Beverages

and Tobacco, Act No. 75/1998 Alcohol Act,

Regulation No. 883/2005

Reservation: Licence required for import and wholesale of alcoholic

beverages. Obligation to register with the Internal Revenue Directorate for wholesale and import of alcoholic beverages. Monopoly for all kinds of retail sales of alcoholic beverages exceeding 2,25% alcohol. When selecting alcoholic beverages the monopoly follows regulations on the selection and sale of alcoholic beverages and trade terms with suppliers.

Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China service suppliers of distribution services related to imports, trade and sales in alcoholic beverages and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to market access and national treatment in this

field.

51. Sector: **DISTRIBUTION SERVICES**

Sub-Sector: Distribution services related to imports, trade and sales in

tobacco and tobacco products

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 621, 622, 631

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Act No. 63/1969 on the Sales of Alcoholic Beverages and Legal basis:

Tobacco. Regulation No. 883/2005

Article 6, 7 and 8 of the Tobacco Control Act No. 6/2002

Regulation No. 325/2007 on the Retail Sale of Tobacco

Regulation No. 236/2003 on Health Warnings on Tobacco and Measurements and Maximum Permissible Levels of

Harmful Substances in Tobacco

Reservation: Monopoly for all kinds of wholesale of tobacco products. The

State Alcohol and Tobacco Company of Iceland (i.e. ÁTVR) is a monopoly in wholesales of tobacco products. When selecting tobacco products the ÁTVR follows regulations on the purchase and sale of tobacco and trade terms with

suppliers.

Tobacco may only be made available for sale or distribution if a warning appears on the packaging regarding the

harmfulness of the product.

A party who manufactures, imports or sells tobacco may not, without the consent of the Minister of Welfare, place his own information regarding the health effects of consuming the product on the product's packaging, in words or symbols. It is entirely prohibited to place on tobacco packaging texts, names, trademarks and figurative or other signs suggesting

that the product is less harmful than other tobacco.

All forms of advertising of tobacco and smoking accessories are prohibited in Iceland. It is, furthermore, prohibited to show consumption or any kind of handling of tobacco or tobacco accessories in advertisements or information on other products or services, or in illustrations of the products.

Tobacco may neither be sold nor delivered to individuals

under the age of 18 years.

The importation, manufacture and sale of toys or confectionery made to resemble cigarettes, cigars or pipes, or intended to refer to tobacco by other means, e.g. pictorially, is prohibited.

Sale of tobacco from self-service machines is prohibited. Sale of cigarettes in units of less than whole packets of 20 cigarettes is prohibited.

The importation, manufacture and sale of fine-grained snuff and all oral tobacco is prohibited, with the exception of chewing tobacco.

Tobacco may not be sold in schools, institutions for children and teenagers, or at health institutions.

Only persons who are at least 18 years of age may sell tobacco. The Board of Health of the relevant region may grant a temporary exemption from this provision regarding the age limit.

There is a restriction regarding the maximum permissible levels of harmful substances in tobacco and tobacco smoke, and how measurements and monitoring of the observation of these limits shall be carried out.

For retail sale of tobacco, a special permit is required from the Board of Health of the relevant region. For operation of a specialist tobacco shop, a special permit is also required from the Board of Health of the relevant region. A specialist tobacco shop shall be clearly identified. A permit under this Article shall be granted for a term of four years, and will only be granted to individuals or businesses fulfilling the general requirements of legislation on commercial employment.

Wholesalers of tobacco may only sell or deliver tobacco to those who have been granted a permit for retail sale of tobacco.

Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China service suppliers of distribution services related to imports, trade and sales in tobacco and tobacco products and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to market access and national treatment in this field.

52. Sector: DISTRIBUTION SERVICES

Sub-Sector: Distribution services related to imports, trade and sales

in arms and explosives

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 621, 622, 631, 6111, 6113 and 6121

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Weapons Act No. 16/1998. Regulation No. 787/1998

concerning firearms, ammunition, etc.

Reservation: No one may trade in firearms, ammunition, explosives

or pyrotechnics without a licence from a police

commissioner.

Such a licence may only be granted to a person with a trade licence and a firearms pass or who has expertise relating to the relevant merchandise. In order to have a firearms pass issued the person concerned must have a

domicile in Iceland.

Police commissioners may grant an operating licence to a firearms rental, provided the relevant provision, including the condition that the operating licence may only be granted to a holder of a trade lease or a firearms pass, are met. In order to have a firearms pass issued the person concerned must have a domicile in Iceland.

Only holders of firearms passes are permitted to own or use firearms. The firearms pass is issued by the Police Commissioner in the jurisdiction where the applicant is domiciled. Persons who apply for a firearms pass shall attend a course on the handling and use of firearms.

Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China service suppliers of distribution services related to imports, trade and sales in arms and explosives and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to market access and national treatment in this field.

53. Sector: DISTRIBUTION SERVICES

Sub-Sector: Distribution services related to imports, trade and sales

in pharmaceutical products

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 621, 622, 631

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Article 20 of the Medicinal Products Act No. 93/1994

Reservation: Only those who have received a licence for that purpose from the Icelandic Medicines Control Agency

are authorised to sell medicinal products.

The Icelandic Medicines Control Agency shall issue a licence to sell medicinal products to a party fulfilling the following conditions who applies for such licence:

1. is a pharmacist licenced to practice in Iceland, *cf.* the Pharmacists' Act, and

2. has worked as a pharmacist for three years. Exception made from this requirement if circumstances so warrant.

Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China service suppliers of distribution services related to imports, trade and sales in pharmaceutical products and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to market access and national treatment in this field.

54. Sector: EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Sub-Sector: Primary education services

Secondary education services Higher education services

Adult education

Other education services

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 921, 922, 923, 924 and 929

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis:

Reservation: Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less

favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China suppliers of educational services and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to market

access and national treatment in this field.

Sub-Sector: **Insurance Services**

Industry Classification: Part of CPC Prov. 812

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

> Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Act on Insurance Activities, No. 56/2010 Legal basis:

Act No. 2/1995 on Public Limited Companies

Reservation: The supply of direct insurance is reserved for

undertakings holding an operating licence issued by the Financial Supervisory Authority, insurance undertakings holding operating licences issued in other EEA Member States, EFTA states or the Faroe Islands. The same applies to the provision of reinsurance services. The Financial Supervisory Authority can grant exemptions to third country operators subject to mutual arrangements between the authority and the

respective home supervisory authority.

The founders and managers of insurance undertakings are subject to the residence requirements of the Act on Limited Liability Companies. Board members shall reside in an OECD Member State. The Financial Supervisory Authority can grant exemptions from the residence requirements.

Managers and board members of insurance undertakings shall be resident in Iceland. The Financial Supervisory Authority may grant exemptions from this requirement.

Sub-Sector: Insurance Services

Industry Classification: Part of CPC Prov. 8140

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Article 1, 7 and 8 of Act on Insurance Mediation, No.

32/2005

Reservation: The supply of insurance broker services is reserved for

insurance brokers authorized by the Financial Supervisory Authority and insurance brokers holding an operating licence issued in another EEA Member

State.

Insurance brokers shall be resident in Iceland or

another EEA Member State.

The residency requirements of the Act on Limited Liability Companies apply to the founders, board members and managers of insurance broker services.

Sub-Sector: Services auxiliary to Insurance (including broking and

agency services)

Industry Classification: Part of CPC Prov. 81403

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Act No. 74/1938 on Authorised Average Adjusters

Reservation: Persons authorised to carry out average adjustment by

the Minister of the Interior must meet the conditions of

having a domicile in Iceland.

Sub-Sector: Banking and other financial services.

Industry Classification: Part of CPC Prov. 81 (excluding insurance)

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Act No. 87/1992 on Foreign Exchange. Rules on

foreign exchange, No. 370/2010 (the Rules are

reviewed every six months)

Article 29 of Act No. 36/2001 on the Central Bank of

Iceland, and Rules of the Central Bank on the

Obligation to Provide Information in respect of Foreign

Exchange Transactions and Cross-Border Capital

Movements

Chapter II, Article 11, 13, 33, of Act on Financial Undertakings No. 161/2002, with subsequent

amendments

Act No 2/1995 on Public Limited Companies, para 2 of

article 66 (domicile requirements)

Act on Securities Activities No. 108/2007, with

subsequent amendments

Reservation: Activities of financial undertakings are reserved for

undertakings holding an operating licence issued by the Financial Supervisory Authority, financial undertakings holding operating licences issued in another EEA Member State, EFTA or Faroe Islands. The Financial Supervisory Authority can grant an operating licence to a financial undertaking from a third country if the undertaking in question possesses an operating licence in its home country identical to its planned activities in Iceland and is subject to supervision on part with regident undertakings.

supervision on par with resident undertakings.

The founders and board members of a financial undertaking must be resident in Iceland, an EEA Member State, EFTA, the Faroe Islands or in an OECD Member State. The managing director of a financial undertaking shall be a resident of Iceland, an EEA

Member State, EFTA or the Faroe Islands. The Financial Supervisory Authority can grant exemptions from the residency requirements.

Sub-Sector: Operation of Pension Funds (Mandatory Funded

Pension Schemes)

Industry Classification:

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Act No. 129/1997, on Mandatory Pension Insurance

and on the Activities of Pension Funds

Reservation: Rights granted to pension funds operating mandatory

funded pension schemes are considered as services supplied in the exercise of governmental authority.

Sub-Sector: Operation of supplementary pension schemes

Industry Classification:

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Act No. 129/1997, on Mandatory Pension Insurance

and on the Activities of Pension Funds

Reservation: The following parties, established and licensed in

Iceland, may accept contributions, under a contract, for supplementary insurance coverage pursuant to the Act on Mandatory Pension Insurance and on the Activities

of Pension Funds:

1. Commercial banks, savings banks and securities undertakings, as provided for in the Act on Financial Undertakings;

- 2. Life insurance companies, as provided for in the Act on Insurance Activities;
- 3. Pension funds, provided that they fulfil the requirements of Articles 4 and 5.

Commercial and savings banks, insurance companies, securities undertakings and pension funds desiring to offer agreements on supplementary insurance coverage and individual pension savings as provided for under the provisions of this Act must, in advance, seek confirmation from the Minister of Finance that their Rules concerning insurance coverage are in accordance with the provisions of this Act. Any amendments to the Rules must also be notified to the Minister of Finance and shall not take effect until the Minister has approved them after receiving the opinion of a public supervisory authority.

61. Sector: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Sub-Sector: Sewage Services

Refuse Disposal Waste

Other

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 9401, 9402 and 9409.

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Article 4a of Act No. 7/1998 on Health and Hygiene

Practices and Pollution Prevention

Act No. 55/2003 on the Treatment of Waste (Articles

5-8, Chapter III and V)

Article 6 of Act No. 33/2004 on the Prevention of

Pollution of the Sea and Coasts

Article 7 of Regulation No. 785/1999 on Licensing of

Businesses that may cause Pollution

Reservation: Environmental operating licence required.

Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China suppliers of environmental services with respect to cross border supply and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to market access

and national treatment in this field.

62. Sector: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Sub-Sector: Sanitation and similar services

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 9403

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis:

Reservation: Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less

favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China suppliers of environmental services with respect to cross border supply and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to market access

and national treatment in this field.

63. Sector: HEALTH RELATED AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Sub-Sector: Hospital services

Other human health services

Social services

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 9311, 9319 (other then 93191) and 933.

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis:

Reservation: Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less

favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China suppliers of health related and social services and to amend existing measures and /or introduce any new measures related to market access and national treatment in this field.

Sub-Sector: Hotels and restaurants (incl. catering)

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 641-643.

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Articles 5, 7, 8, 17 and 18 of Act No .85/2007 on

Restaurants, Collective Accommodation Establishments

and Entertainment Services

Reservation: Licences required for the operation of restaurant, collective

accommodation establishments and entertainment services.

In order to obtain the operation licence, the applicant and/or his representative (if the applicant is a legal person) must

meet the conditions of residency in Iceland.

The same applies for licences for a single entertainment

activities or events. The licence may prescribe restrictions

on sales hours.

Persons who sell or serve spirits, or other alcoholic

beverages must be 20 years of age or more.

Sub-Sector: Hotel and restaurant (incl. catering)

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 641-643

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Article 3 of the Alcohol Act No. 75/1998

Reservation: A licence is required, for commercial purposes, for the

import, wholesale, retail or production of alcoholic beverages. To be granted a licence to serve alcoholic beverages the conditions to obtain an operation license for restaurants, collective accommodation establishments and

entertainment must be met.

In order to obtain the operation licence, the applicant, and/or his representative (if the applicant is a legal person),

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must meet the condition of residency in Iceland.

Sub-Sector: Travel agencies and tour operators services

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 7471

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Articles 8, 9, 11, 12 and 14 of The Tourism Administration Act

No. 73/2005

Reservation: Any party intending to operate as a tour operator or travel

agency shall obtain a licence to do so from the Icelandic Tourist

Board.

In order to receive a licence, the applicant, or his representative if the applicant is a legal entity, must be resident of Iceland.

Those intending to engage in operations for which registration is required pursuant to this Act shall send the Icelandic Tourist Board a written notice to this effect. Only those parties who have received a certificate are authorised to use the terms "booking service(s)" and "information centre" in the name or

title of their operations.

Requirement of deposits or liability insurance to cover loss

caused to clients due to bankruptcy.

Sub-Sector: Tourist Guides Services

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 7472

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: The Tourism Administration Act No. 73/2005

Reservation: The right to exercise the profession is reserved for resident

tourist guides. Non-resident tourist guides may be granted

temporary work permit on ad hoc basis.

SERVICES (OTHER THAN AUDIOVISUAL

SERVICES)

Sub-Sector: Entertainment services (including theatre, live bands and

circus services)

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 9619

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Articles 7, 8, 17 and 18 of Act No. 85/2007 on Restaurants,

Collective Accommodation Establishments and

Entertainment Services

Reservation: Licences required for the operation of restaurant, collective

accommodation establishments and entertainment services.

In order to obtain the operation licence, the applicant and/or his representative (if the applicant is a legal person), must

meet the conditions of residency in Iceland.

The same applies for licences for a single entertainment

activities or events.

SERVICES (OTHER THAN AUDIOVISUAL

SERVICES)

Sub-Sector: News Agency Services

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 962

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Article 10 of the Printing Act No. 57/1956

Reservation: Conditions of residency for the editor of a paper or

magazine.

Access to management functions is subject to discretionary

authorisation by competent authorities.

SERVICES (OTHER THAN AUDIOVISUAL

SERVICES)

Sub-Sector: Entertainment Services (including theatre, live bands,

and circus services)

Library, archive, museum and other cultural activities.

Sporting and other recreational services

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 9619, 963 and 964

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis:

Reservation: Targeted financial support to specific local, regional or

national activities.

SERVICES (OTHER THAN AUDIOVISUAL

SERVICES)

Sub-Sector: Sporting and other recreational services

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 964

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Article 1 and 2 Act No. 92/1956 on the Prohibition of

Boxing

Reservation: Professional boxing is illegal but amateur boxing is

allowed. Boxing competitions or shows are prohibited.

Boxing instruction is also prohibited.

SERVICES (OTHER THAN AUDIOVISUAL

SERVICES)

Sub-Sector: Sporting and other recreational services

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 964

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Act No. 26/1986 on Numbers Games

Act No. 59/1972 on Sweepstakes Act No. 73/1994 on Slot Machines

Articles 2 and 3 of Act No. 38/2005 on Lotteries

Reservation: Gambling, slot machines and like activities are subject

to licensing.

It is prohibited to operate lotteries and tombola without a license from the District Commissioner. A license to operate a lottery or a tombola may only be granted to a company, association or institution that is established in the EEA, for the purpose of raising funds for social causes, philanthropic or cultural activities, sports or charity, and international humanitarian work. A lottery license may not be granted to the same body more than

three times each calendar year.

Sub-Sector: Freight and Passenger transportation

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 7212, 7211

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Act No. 115/1985 on Registration in the Icelandic Ship

Register

Act No. 76/2001 and Regulation No. 416/2003, on Crews Serving on Board Icelandic Passenger and

Cargo Ships

Reservation: Vessels registered in the Icelandic Ship Register must

be owned by Icelandic nationals with domicile in Iceland or a legal entity registered and with domicile in

Iceland.

The Master of an Icelandic vessel must be an Icelandic national, exceptions may be granted to nationals of countries of the EEA, the EFTA, or the Faroe Islands.

Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China service suppliers for establishment of a registered company for the purposes of operating a fleet under Icelandic flag and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to market access and national

treatment in this field.

Sub-Sector: Maintenance and repair of vessels

Industry Classification: Part of CPC Prov. 8868

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Ship Survey Act No. 47/2003.

Reservation: Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less

favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China service suppliers for maintenance and repair of vessels and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to market access and national

treatment in this field.

Sub-Sector: Rental of vessels with crew

Supporting services of maritime transport

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 7213 and 745

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis:

Reservation: Iceland reserves the right to accord less favourable

treatment to Hong Kong, China service suppliers for rental of vessels with crew and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to

market access and national treatment in this field.

Sub-Sector: Pushing and towing services

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 7214

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Harbour Act No. 61/2003

Act No. 41/2003 on the Maritime traffic service

Regulation No. 320/1998 on Guidance of Ships

Reservation: Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less

favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China service suppliers for pushing and towing services and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to market access and national treatment in this

field.

Sub-Sector: Internal Waterways Transport

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 7221, 7222, 7223, 8868, 7224, 745

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis:

Reservation: Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less

favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China service suppliers for internal waterway transport and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to market access and national treatment in this

field.

Sub-Sector: Air Transport Services

Maintenance and repair of aircraft

Industry Classification: Part of CPC Prov. 8868

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis:

Reservation: Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less

favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China service suppliers for cross-border supply of maintenance and repair of aircrafts, and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to market

access and national treatment in this field.

Sub-Sector: Space Transport

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 733

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis:

Reservation: Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less

favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China service suppliers for space transport and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to

market access and national treatment in this field.

Sub-Sector: Rail Transport Services

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 7111, 7112, 7113, 8868, 743

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis:

Reservation: Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less

favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China service suppliers for rail transport services and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to market access and national treatment in this

field.

Sub-Sector: Road transport services; passenger transportation

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 7121 and 7122

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Articles 4-7 of Act No. 73/2001 on Passenger and

Freight Transport by Road

Regulation No. 528/2002 on Passenger Transport by

Road

Reservation: Municipalities in Iceland may be granted exclusive

licence for public transport.

Access can be limited with exclusive licences on

specific routes (i.e. administered by tender).

Professional transporting of passengers in Iceland is subject to a licence. Among the conditions for such a licence is the completion of a course held by the Icelandic Road Administration. Such a course is

generally held in Icelandic.

Sub-Sector: Road transport services; freight transportation

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 7123

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Articles 4 and 5 of Act No. 73/2001 on Passenger and

Freight Transport by Road

Regulation No. 100/2006 on Freight Transport by Road

Reservation: Professional transporting of goods in Iceland is subject

to a licence. Among the conditions for such a licence is the completion of a course held by the Icelandic Road Administration. Such a course is generally held in

Icelandic.

Sub-Sector: Pipeline Transport

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 7131, 7139

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis:

Reservation: Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less

favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China service suppliers for pipeline transport and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to

market access and national treatment in this field.

Sub-Sector: Services auxiliary to all modes of transport –

Cargo-handling services except for maritime cargo

handling services

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 741

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis:

Reservation: Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less

favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China service suppliers of cargo-handling services and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to market access and national treatment in this field, except for "Maritime cargo handling services"

and "Container and depot services".

For the purposes of this Reservation "Maritime cargo handling services" means activities exercised by stevedore companies, including terminal operators, but not including the direct activities of dockers, when this workforce is organised independently of the stevedoring or terminal operator companies. The activities covered include the organisation and supervision of:

- the loading and discharging of cargo to and from a ship;
- the lashing and unlashing of cargo;
- the reception and delivery and safekeeping of cargoes before shipment or after discharge.

For the purposes of this Reservation "Container station and depot services" means activities consisting in storing containers, whether in port areas or inland, with a view to their stuffing or stripping, repairing, and making them available for shipments.

Sub-Sector: Services auxiliary to all modes of transport –

Storage and warehouse services Customs Clearance Services

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 742

Part of CPC Prov. 748, as defined in Reservation

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Articles 48, 91, 96, 101 and 105 of the Customs Act

No. 88/2005

Reservation: Licence for operating customs brokerage. Licence for

the operation of a bonded warehouse. Licence for the operation of warehouses for duty free supplies. Licence for the operation of duty free shops in airports and seaports. Licence for the operation of a free zone.

Licence for the operation of transit warehouses.

Board members of the legal person that applies for the licences mentioned above shall have residence in

Iceland.

Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China service suppliers for cross-border supply of storage and warehouse services and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to market

access and national treatment in this field.

For the purposes of this Reservation "Customs Clearance services" means activities consisting in carrying out on behalf of another party customs formalities concerning import, export or through transport of cargoes, whether this service is the main activity of the service provider or a usual complement of its main activity.

86. Sector: OTHER SERVICES NOT INCLUDED

ELSEWHERE

Sub-Sector:

Industry Classification: CPC Prov. 95+97+98+99

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis:

Reservation: Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less

favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China service suppliers for other services and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to

market access and national treatment in this field.

87. Sector: **ENERGY**

Sub-Sector: Prospecting, exploration and production of hydrocarbons

Industry Classification:

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

> Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: **National**

Legal basis: Articles 3, 7, 14, 17, 18 and 30 of the Act on Prospecting,

Exploration and Production of Hydrocarbons No. 13, 13

March 2001, with subsequent amendments

Reservation: The National Energy Authority grants licences for the

> exploration and production of hydrocarbons in specific areas which include exclusive rights for the exploration and production of hydrocarbons. Such licences can be granted on discretionary bases. Such a licence gives the

licensee exclusive rights for exploration and production.

Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China suppliers of services related to prospecting, exploration production of hydrocarbons and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to

market access and national treatment in this field.

88. 9	Sector:	ENERGY

Sub-Sector:

Industry Classification:

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Articles 8 and 14 of The Electricity Act No. 65/2003

Article 5 of Regulation No. 1040/2005 (enforcement of the

Electricity Act)

Reservation: One company, appointed by the Minister, shall be responsible

for the transmission of electricity and system management. The company shall be owned by majority ownership of the state, municipality and/or companies entirely owned by those entities.

Distribution system operators shall be owned by majority ownership of either state, municipality, and/or companies

entirely owned by those entities.

89. Sector: ENERGY

Sub-Sector: Hydraulic power

Industry Classification:

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Article 2 of the Water Act No. 2/1923, with subsequent amendments

Reservation: The State, municipalities and companies, wholly owned by them, are

prohibited to assign ownership of harnessable water, directly or

indirectly and permanently, constituting power over 10 MW.

90. Sector: ENERGY

Sub-Sector: Heating plants

Industry Classification:

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 3.5)

National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Article 30 of the Energy Act No. 58/1967

Reservation: The Minister of Industry, Energy and Tourism is authorised to

grant municipalities or their associations exclusive licence, with the conditions determined by The Energy Act, to operate

heating plants.

91.	Sector:	ENERGY

Sub-Sector:

Industry Classification:

Type of Reservation: Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (Article 3.4)

Market Access (Article 3.5) National Treatment (Article 3.6)

Level of Government: National

Legal basis: Article 4 of Act No. 34/1991 on Investment by Non-residents in

Business Enterprises

Reservation: Solely Icelandic nationals and other Icelandic parties are

authorised to possess the right to harness waterfalls and geothermal heat for other purposes than household heating. The same applies to companies engaged in energy production and

energy distribution.

Iceland reserves the right at any time to accord less favourable treatment to Hong Kong, China service suppliers for energy and related services and to amend existing measures and/or introduce any new measures related to market access and

national treatment in this field.