45	Sector:	Transport	
	Sub-Sector:	Road Transport	
	Industry Classification:	JSIC 431	Common omnibus operators
		JSIC 432	Common taxicab operators
		JSIC 433	Contracted omnibus operators
		JSIC 4391	Motor passenger transport (particularly-contracted)
		JSIC 441	Common motor trucking
		JSIC 442	Motor trucking(particularly-contracted)
		JSIC 443	Mini-sized vehicle freight transport
	Obligations Concerned:	Market access (Articles 8.7 and 8.15)	
	Level of Government:	Central Government	
	Measures:	Road Transport Law (Law No. 183 of 1951), Chapter 2 Special Measures Law concerning the proper management and revitalisation of the taxi business in specified and semi-specified regions (Law No. 64 of 2009), Chapters 2 and 7 (hereinafter referred to in this reservation as "the Law") Trucking Business Law (Law No. 83 of 1989), Chapter 2	

Description: <u>Investment liberalisation and Cross-border trade in services</u>

1. A person who intends to conduct road passenger transport business or road freight transport business is required to establish a place of business in Japan, and to obtain permission of, or to submit notification to, the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism.

2. In respect of common taxicab operators business, the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism may not grant permission to a person who intends to conduct the businesses, or may not approve a modification of the business plan of those businesses in the "specified regions" and in the "semi-specified regions" designated by the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism. That permission may be granted, or that modification of the business plan may be approved with respect to "semi-specified regions" when the standards set out in the Law are met, including those that the capacity of common taxicab operators businesses in that region does not exceed the volumes of the traffic demand. That designation would be made when the capacity of common taxicab transportation businesses in that region exceeds or is likely to exceed the volumes of traffic demand to the extent that it would become difficult to secure the safety of transportation and the benefits of passengers.