16 Sector: Professional Services

Sub-Sector:

Industry Classification: JSIC 7212 Patent attorneys' offices

Type of Reservation: Market Access (Article 106)

Local Presence (Article 107)

Level of Government: Central Government

Measures: Patent Attorney Law (Law No. 49 of 2000), Chapters 3, 6 and 8

Description: A natural person who intends to supply patent attorney services is required to be qualified as a patent attorney under the laws and regulations of Japan ("Benrishi").

An enterprise which intends to supply patent attorney services is required to establish a patent business corporation under the laws and regulations of Japan ("Tokkyo-Gyoumu-Hojin").

17 Sector: Professional Services

Sub-Sector:

Industry Classification: JSIC 7221 Notaries public's and judicial scriveners' offices

Type of Reservation: National Treatment (Article 104)

Market Access (Article 106)

Local Presence (Article 107)

Level of Government: Central Government

Measures: Notary Law (Law No. 53 of 1908), Chapters 2 and 3

Description: Only a Japanese national may be appointed as a notary in Japan.

The notary is required to establish an office in the place designated by the Minister of Justice.