(b) Patent agents, industrial property agents, intellectual property attorneys (part of CPC 879, 861, 8613)

With respect to Investment liberalisation – Market access, National treatment and Cross-border trade in services - Market access, National treatment:

In **BG**, **CY**, **EE** and **LT**: EEA or Swiss nationality is required for the practice of patent agency services.

In **DE**: Only patent lawyers with German qualification may be admitted to the Bar and are thus entitled to provide patent agent services in Germany in domestic law. Foreign patent lawyers can offer legal services in foreign law when they prove expert knowledge, registration is required for legal services in Germany. Foreign (other than EEA and Swiss qualification) patent lawyers may not establish a firm together with national patent lawyers.

Foreign (other than EEA and Swiss) patent lawyers may have their commercial presence only in the form of a Patentanwalts-GmbH or Patentanwalt-AG and may only acquire a minority share.

In **EE**, **FI** and **HU**: EEA residency is required for the practice of patent agency services, in EE permanent residency.

In **ES** and **PT**: EEA nationality is required for the practice of industrial property agent services.

In **IE**: EEA residency, EEA commercial presence and prescribed educational and professional qualifications are required for the practice of patent or intellectual property attorney services. Legal form requires that at least one of the directors, partners, managers or employees of a company to be registered as a patent or intellectual property attorney in Ireland. Cross-border basis requires EEA nationality and commercial presence, principal place of business in an EEA Member State, qualification under the law of an EEA Member State.

In **SI**: A holder or applicant of registered rights (patents, trademarks and design protection) who is not resident in Slovenia shall have a patent agent or a trademark and design agent who is registered in Slovenia, for the main purpose of services of process, notification, etc.

Measures:

BG: Article 4 of the Ordinance for Representatives regarding Intellectual Property.