(q) Packaging services (CPC 876)
(t) Other
- Specialty design services (CPC 87907)

2. COMMUNICATION SERVICES

B. Courier services

Courier services (CPC 7512) consisting of express delivery services[1], except for the following services:

(a) The collection, transport, and delivery of domestic and cross-border addressed mail to Post Office (PO) boxes in the following categories:
(i) addressed letters weighing not more than 200 grams;
(ii) small items or packages weighing up to 2 kilograms;
(b) The collection, transport, and delivery to PO boxes of domestic and international postal parcels weighing up to 20 kilograms;
(c) The provision of PO boxes; and
(d) Issuing of postage stamps.

C. Telecommunication services

The following services (a-o) can be supplied only on a facilities basis, and for public use services:

Basic telecommunication services

(a) Voice telephone services (CPC 7521)
(b) Packet-switched data transmission services (CPC 7523**)
(c) Circuit-switched data transmission services (CPC 7523**)
(d) Telex services (CPC 7523**)
(e) Telegraph services (CPC 7522)
(f) Facsimile services (CPC 7521**+ 7529**)
(g) Private leased circuit services (CPC 7522**+7523**)
(o) Other:
- Terrestrial-based mobile phone services

Value-added telecommunication services

(h) Electronic-mail (CPC 7523**)
(i) Voice mail (CPC 7523**)
(j) Online information and data base retrieval (CPC 7523**)
(k) Electronic data interchange (EDI) (CPC 7523**)
(l) Enhanced or value-added facsimile services, including store and forward, store, and retrieve (CPC 7523**)
(m) Code and protocol conversion
(n) On-line information or data processing (including transaction processing) (CPC 843**)

3. CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED ENGINEERING SERVICES

A. General construction work for buildings (CPC 512)
B. General construction work for civil engineering (CPC 513)
C. Installation and assembly work (CPC 514+516)
D. Building completion and finishing work (CPC 517)
E. Other: (CPC 511+515+518)

4. DISTRIBUTION SERVICES

The distribution of goods under the Controlled List of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce - arms, ammunition, explosives and explosive substances, highly toxic chemicals, narcotics, cultural items, books, newspapers and magazines, precious metals and stones, medicines and medical equipment, endangered species, gambling machines, money printing machines, processed oil and crude oil, alcohols, tobacco products, rice - is excluded from Lao PDR's commitments in this Appendix.

A. Wholesale trade services (part of CPC 61111, 6113, 6121)
B. Retailing services (part of CPC 61112, 6113, 6121)
C. Franchising (part of CPC 8929)[2]

5. PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

With respect to C and D below, the commitments cover only technical, natural sciences and technology, business administration and business studies, economics, accounting, international law, and language training fields.

The scope of private education services concerns only fully-privately funded services.

A. Primary education services (part of CPC 921)
B. Secondary education services (part of CPC 922)
C. Higher education services (part of CPC 923)
D. Adult education (part of CPC 924)
E. Other education services:
- Short term foreign language training only (part of CPC 929)

6. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES[3]

Services considered as public utilities at a national or local level may be subject to public monopolies or to exclusive rights granted to private operators.

A. Wastewater management (part of CPC 9401)
B. Waste management (part of CPC 9402 and 9403)
C. Protection of ambient air and climate (part of CPC 9404)
D. Remediation and clean-up of soil and water (part of CPC 9406)
E. Noise and vibration abatement (part of CPC 9405)

7. FINANCIAL SERVICES

Access by foreign service suppliers and the provision of new financial services within the scope of the commitments below and that have not yet been provided by the private sector in Lao PDR at the date of accession, may be subject to measures adopted for prudential reasons. Direct branching is not allowed. Financial institutions in Lao PDR must adopt a specific legal form.

All the commitments are subject to entry requirements, domestic laws, rules and regulations, and the terms and conditions of the Bank of Lao PDR, the Ministry of Finance or any other competent authority

[1] Express delivery services include the collection, transport and delivery of documents, printed matter, parcels or other goods on an expedited basis, while tracking and maintaining control of these items throughout the supply of the service.

** The (**) indicates that the service specified constitutes only a part of the total range of activities covered by the CPC concordance (e.g. voice mail is only a component of CPC 7523).

[2] As related to the provision of a distribution service which is subject to a specific commitment under Section II.4 of Lao PDR Schedule in Annex II (Schedules of Specific Commitments for Services).

[3] Environmental services exclude the provision of water for human use, including water collection, purification, and distribution through mains.