SCHEDULE OF SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS - JAPAN

Modes of Supply: (1) Cross-border supply (2) Consumption abroad (3) Commercial presence (4) Presence of natural persons

Sector or Sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
I. HORIZONTAL COMMITMENTS			
ALL SECTORS INCLUDED IN THIS SCHEDULE			Japan undertakes as additional commitments the attached "Disciplines on Services Domestic Regulation" for all sectors included in this schedule, except for financial services.
II. SECTOR SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS			
7. FINANCIAL SERVICES			Japan undertakes as additional commitments the attached "Alternative Disciplines on Services Domestic Regulation for Financial Services" for financial services sectors included in this schedule.

Scope of the Disciplines

1. These disciplines apply to measures by Members relating to licensing requirements and procedures, qualification requirements and procedures, and technical standards affecting trade in services.

2. These disciplines do not apply to any terms, limitations, conditions, or qualifications set out in a Member's Schedule pursuant to Articles XVI or XVII of the *Agreement*.

3. For the purpose of these disciplines, "authorization" means the permission to supply a service, resulting from a procedure to which an applicant must adhere in order to demonstrate compliance with licensing requirements, qualification requirements, or technical standards.

Submission of Applications

4. Each Member shall, to the extent practicable, avoid requiring an applicant to approach more than one competent authority for each application for authorization. If a service is within the jurisdiction of multiple competent authorities, multiple applications for authorization may be required.

Application Timeframes

5. If a Member requires authorization for the supply of a service, it shall ensure that its competent authorities to the extent practicable permit submission of an application at any time throughout the year.[1] If a specific time period for applying exists, the Member shall ensure that the competent authorities allow a reasonable period for the submission of an application.

Electronic Applications and Acceptance of Copies

6. If a Member requires authorization for the supply of a service, it shall ensure that its competent authorities:

   (a) taking into account their competing priorities and resource constraints, endeavour to accept applications in electronic format; and

   (b) accept copies of documents, that are authenticated in accordance with the Member's domestic laws and regulations, in place of original documents, unless the competent authorities require original documents to protect the integrity of the authorization process.

Processing of Applications

7. If a Member requires authorization for the supply of a service, it shall ensure that its competent authorities:

   (a) to the extent practicable, provide an indicative timeframe for processing of an application;

   (b) at the request of the applicant, provide without undue delay information concerning the status of the application;

   (c) to the extent practicable, ascertain without undue delay the completeness of an application for processing under the Member's domestic laws and regulations;

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[1] Competent authorities are not required to start considering applications outside of their official working hours and working days.