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**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

**Revised MFN Exemption List of the Czech Republic**

The following communication is circulated at the request of the Czech Republic to members of the Group of Negotiation on Services.

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In conformity with the decision reached at the meeting of the GNS on 29 October, 1993 and the Secretariat Note on the form for exemptions, the Czech Republic herewith circulates its current list of exemptions from Article II of the General Agreement on Trade in Services. The Czech Republic continues to adopt a constructive approach to the scope and number of exemptions with the aim of preserving the principle of unconditional MFN. The attached exemptions, the Czech Republic intends to make at this stage of negotiations, have very limited economic and trade impact.

The Czech Republic reserves the right to modify its list prior to the conclusion of the Uruguay Round depending on the final outcome of negotiations on the text of the GATS; the structure and scope of initial commitments under Part III of the GATS and on the MFN exemptions of other participants. If the overall level or nature of commitments in some sectors in particular in financial services, is insufficient or unsatisfactory, additional exemptions may be required by the Czech Republic in the light of its reciprocity legislation.

The Czech Republic's entry of MFN exemptions is made on the assumption that measures within the categories identified in the Secretariat Note MTN.GNS/W/177/Rev.1 are not seen as being measures for which it is necessary to seek exemptions from the disciplines of Article II:1 of the GATS. The Czech Republic, however, reserves the right to review the implications for its final list of exemptions of those issues outlined in this Note including relevant discussions and consultations.

LIST OF ARTICLE II EXEMPTIONS FOR THE CZECH REPUBLIC

(1) Sector or Sub-Sector	(2) Description of Measure Indicating its Inconsistency with Article II	(3) Countries to which the Measure Applies	(4) Intended Duration	(5) Conditions Creating the Need for the Exemption
Cinematographic works and TV Programmes Production and Distribution Service	National treatment is extended to cinematographic works, television programmes and other audiovisual works originating in countries indicated in column 3. Works meeting specific linguistic criteria are given minimum screening time.	Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Italy, Germany, Greece, Liechtenstein, Hungary, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Sweden, Syria, Switzerland, Turkey.	Indefinite	To promote specific cultural objectives and cultural links between the countries concerned as well as to achieve linguistic policy objectives. To promote greater diversity among foreign audiovisual works on the Czech market.
Internal Waterways Passenger and Freight Transportation	To reserve traffic rights in internal waterways of the Czech Republic for operators based in countries indicated in column 3.	Austria, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Slovak Republic.	Indefinite	To protect the integrity of infrastructure and the environment and to regulate traffic rights.

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Rail Transport Passenger and Freight	To regulate traffic rights and operating conditions and to provide transport services in the territory of the Czech Republic and between the countries concerned on the basis of the principle of reciprocity.	Austria, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Slovak Republic.	Indefinite	To protect the integrity of rail transport infrastructure and the environment and to regulate traffic rights in the territory of the Czech Republic and between the countries concerned.
Road Transport Passenger and Freight	To reserve or to limit the provision of transport services between the contracting parties concerned across the territory of the contracting parties to vehicles registered in each contracting party and to provide for tax exemption for such vehicles.	Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom.	Indefinite	To protect the integrity of the road infrastructure and environment and to regulate the traffic rights in the territory of the Czech Republic and between the countries concerned.