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Revised MFN Exemption List of Tunisia

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LIST OF EXEMPTIONS FROM THE MOST-FAVoured-NATION CLAUSE

Sector or Sub-Sector	Description of Measure	Countries to Which the Measure Applies	Intended Duration	Conditions Creating the Need for the Exemption
Maritime Transport	<p>1. Right to control and take all necessary and appropriate measures with respect to foreign maritime transporters whose countries affect Tunisian maritime transport and shippers</p> <p>2. Right to maintain, negotiate and conclude any bilateral, regional, multilateral or other agreement, understanding or arrangement relating to maritime transport, conditions of access to ports and auxiliary services and also to maritime training, safety and accident prevention</p> <p>3. Validity of all provisions of national law and regulations, in particular concerning national coastal shipping (cabotage) and commercial presence, as well as of the international conventions ratified by Tunisia in the field of maritime transport.</p>	<p>All countries</p> <p>All countries</p> <p>All countries</p>	<p>Not specified</p> <p>Not specified</p> <p>Not specified</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To prevent, offset and counter all discriminatory measures and restrictive and harmful actions affecting Tunisian maritime transporters and maritime trade - To promote the transport sector, trade and regional integration through fair, equitable and effective rules and through the strengthening and improvement of bilateral, regional and multilateral co-operation. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To promote Tunisian shipping and national maritime transport capacity. 2. To reduce the adverse impact of loss of freight on the balance of payments. 3. To facilitate international trade in a predictable and stable environment 4. To serve the national interests in respect of economic security (strategic deliveries and shipments)

Main legislative references:

- * Maritime Trade Code (Law No. 62-13 of 24 April 1962)

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Maritime Transport (cont'd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Maritime Navigation Administrative Police Code (Law No. 76-59 of 11 June 1976) * Law 77-13 of 17 March 1977 on the organization of the maritime professions, and Implementing Order thereto * Customs Code (Law 72-19 of 10 March 1972) * Liner conference code of conduct 			
Road transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For road transport, the provision of services by foreign natural or legal persons from, to and/or on Tunisian territory, as well as their commercial presence, are confined to nationals of countries with which Tunisia has concluded or may conclude an international agreement in this field, or under a partnership agreement. - Cabotage in any form and of any kind is exclusively reserved for nationals. 	All countries Not specified		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To promote the road transport sector by the implementation of a system of mutually advantageous co-operation
Co-production of films	Bilateral (governmental) framework agreements on the co-production of films (existing or in the future)	All countries Not specified		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To promote cultural links between the countries concerned.
Bilateral social security agreements	Extension of the social security and health benefits to citizens and other countries	All countries Not specified		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To preserve the social security rights of nationals of the two contracting parties concerned.