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Communication from the Delegation of Switzerland

The following three notes, concerning services, leasing and entities not covered by the Agreement on Government Procurement, have been received from the delegation of Switzerland by note dated 17 May 1983.

Services Purchased by the Government of Switzerland

The following list contains the principal services purchased by Swiss entities. It has not been determined whether these services are furnished by Swiss contractors only or also by foreign contractors, or even whether they could be supplied from abroad:

Advertising

Building and construction (including architectural and engineering services)

Repairs

Transport and travel

Bank services

Insurance

Training and education

Research and development

Renting and leasing

Printing

Data-processing services

Legal and advisory services.

Swiss Leasing Practices

Up to the present, procurement entities in Switzerland have only rarely had recourse to leasing. In such exceptional cases, the type of lease has been a rental contract, hence without any obligation or option to purchase. The products considered for leasing have been computers and office machines.

Obviously it is not excluded that this practice may change in the future. In the private sector also, leasing still plays a very modest part and offers of this type of contract are relatively few. In this respect, it might be that a change in the private sector or in the budgeting methods of the Confederation might influence the existing practice of procurement entities.

List of Entities not Covered by the Agreement

Federal Office for Protection of the Environment (National Hydrological Service)

Federal Materials-Testing Laboratory and Research Institute for Industry, Civil Engineering and Arts and Trades - Dübendorf and Saint-Gall

Federal Office of Engineering and Fortifications

Federal Office of Communication Troops

Federal Office of Army Health Affairs

Central Military Commissariat

Military Material Department

Federal Topographical Office

Federal School of Gymnastics and Sports, Magglingen

Federal Military-Airfields Office, Dübendorf

Federal Veterinary Office

PTT-Department of Telecommunications

Federal Railways