Legal Services under the GATS

Trade in Legal Services – Current Realities and Future Possibilities?
Simply Services Seminar in collaboration with the International Bar Association
Classification according to CPC 861 Provisional

861  Legal services

8611  Legal advisory and representation services in the different fields of law

  86111  Legal advisory and representation services concerning criminal law

  86119  Legal advisory and representation services in judicial procedures concerning other fields of law

8612  Legal advisory and representation services in statutory procedures of quasi-judicial tribunals, boards, etc.

8613  Legal documentation and certification services

8619  Other legal advisory and information services
Usefulness of CPC 861 Prov. in the context of trade liberalization?

• No distinction between advisory and representation services
• No distinction between domestic ("host country law") and foreign law ("home country law", "third country law")
• No explicit coverage of international law
• No explicit coverage of arbitration and conciliation services

Suggests terminology and definitions for
- Legal advisory services
- Legal representational services
- Legal arbitration and conciliation/mediation services
- Domestic law (host country law)
- Foreign law
- International law
WTO Members with commitments in Legal Services
Share of Members with commitments in domestic (host –country) law

Host country law - UR original Members

Host country law - Accessions

- With commitments
- Without commitments
Share of Members with commitments in foreign (host –country) law