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Revised MFN Exemption List of the Slovak Republic

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

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 Slovak Republic herewith circulates its current list of exemptions from Article II of the General Agreement on Trade in Services. The Slovak 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 Slovak Republic intends to make at this stage of negotiations, have very limited economic and trade impact.

The Slovak 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 in 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 Slovak Republic in the light of its reciprocity legislation.

The Slovak 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 Slovak 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 SLOVAK 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 Work and TV Programmes Production and Distribution Services (9611, 9613)	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, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Italy, Germany, Greece, Liechtenstein, Hungary, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Sweden, Syria, Switzerland, Turkey.	Indefinite	Promotion of specific cultural objectives (cultural identity) and cultural links between the countries concerned as well as achieving linguistic policy objectives.
Internal Waterways Passenger and Freight Transportation (7221, 7222)		Reservation of traffic right in internal waterways of the Slovak Republic rights for operators based in countries indicated in column 3.	Indefinite	The protection of the integrity of the infrastructure and the environment and the regulation of traffic rights.

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Rail Transport Passenger and Freight	To regulate traffic rights operating conditions and to provide transport services in the territory of the Slovak Republic and between the countries concerned on the basis of the principle of reciprocity.	Austria, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic.	Indefinite	To protect the integrity of rail transport infrastructure and the environment and to regulate traffic in the territory of the Slovak 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, Czech 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 Slovak Republic and between the countries concerned.