

**Strengthening the Capacity of
National Authorities and Regional Organisations
in respect of Services Statistics**

Situational Assessment

Final Report

Annex IV

- 1. General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS)**
- 2. GATS Services Sectoral Classification GNS/W/120**

(reproduced from the Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services)

1. General Agreement on Trade in Services

[Reproduced below are the Preamble and Part I of the text of the agreement which defines the scope of the agreement as concerns trade in services.]

General Agreement on Trade in Services

- *Recognizing* the growing importance of trade in services for the growth and development of the world economy;
- *Wishing* to establish a multilateral framework of principles and rules for trade in services with a view to the expansion of such trade under conditions of transparency and progressive liberalisation and as a means of promoting the economic growth of all trading partners and the development of developing countries;
- *Desiring* the early achievement of progressively higher levels of liberalisation of trade in services through successive rounds of multilateral negotiations aimed at promoting the interests of all participants on a mutually advantageous basis and at securing an overall balance of rights and obligations, while giving due respect to national policy objectives;
- *Recognizing* the right of Members to regulate, and to introduce new regulations, on the supply of services within their territories in order to meet national policy objectives and, given asymmetries existing with respect to the degree of development of services regulations in different countries, the particular need of developing countries to exercise this right;
- *Desiring* to facilitate the increasing participation of developing countries in trade in services and the expansion of their service exports including, *inter alia*, through the strengthening of their domestic services capacity and its efficiency and competitiveness;
- *Taking* particular account of the serious difficulty of the least-developed countries in view of their special economic situation and their development, trade and financial needs;

Hereby agree as follows:

Part 1: Scope and Definition

Article 1

Scope and Definition 1

1. This Agreement applies to measures by Members affecting trade in services
2. For the purposes of this Agreement, trade in services is defined as the supply of a service:
 - a. from the territory of one Member into the territory of any other Member;
 - b. in the territory of one Member to the service consumer of any other Member;
 - c. by a service supplier of one Member, through commercial presence in the territory of any other Member;
 - d. by a service supplier of one Member, through presence of natural persons of a Member in the territory of any other Member.

For the purposes of this Agreement:

- e. “measures by Members” means measures taken by:
 - (i) central, regional or local governments and authorities; and
 - (ii) non-governmental bodies in the exercise of powers delegated by central, regional or local governments or authorities;

In fulfilling its obligations and commitments under the Agreement, each Member shall take such reasonable measures as may be available to it to ensure their observance by regional and local governments and authorities and non-governmental bodies within its territory;

- A.** “services” includes any service in any sector except services supplied in the exercise of governmental authority;
- B.** “a service supplied in the exercise of governmental authority” means any service which is supplied neither on a commercial basis, nor in competition with one or more service suppliers.

2. GATS Services Sectoral Classification GNS/W/120

<i>Sectors and sub-sectors</i>	<i>Corresponding provisional CPC¹</i>
1. Business services	
A. Professional services	
a. Legal services	861
b. Accounting, auditing and book keeping services	862
c. Taxation services	863
d. Architectural services	8671
e. Engineering services	8672
f. Integrated engineering services	8673
g. Urban planning and landscape architectural services	8674
h. Medical and dental services	9312
i. Veterinary services	932
j. Services provided by midwives, nurses, physiotherapists and para-medical personnel	93191
k. Other	
B. Computer and related services	
a. Consultancy services related to the installation of computer hardware	841
b. Software implementation services	842
c. Data processing services	843
d. Data base services	844
e. Other	845+849
C. Research and development services	
a. R&D services on natural sciences	851
b. R&D services on social sciences and humanities	852
c. Interdisciplinary R&D services	853
D. Real estate services	
a. Involving own or leased property	821
b. On a fee or contract basis	822
E. Rental/leasing services without operators	
a. Relating to ships	83103
b. Relating to aircraft	83104
c. Relating to other transport equipment	83101+83102+83105
d. Relating to other machinery and equipment	83106-83109
e. Other	832

¹ The United Nations Statistics Division maintains a draft correspondence table between GNS/W/120, the Provisional CPC, and CPC version 1.0, available at <http://www.un.org/depts/unsd/class/class1.htm>. These correspondences may be useful for statistical monitoring of trade in services agreements.

F. Other business services

a. Advertising services	871
b. Market research and public opinion polling services	864
c. Management consulting service	865
d. Services related to man. consulting	866
e. Technical testing and analysis services	8676
f. Services incidental to agriculture, hunting and forestry	881
g. Services incidental to fishing	882
h. Services incidental to mining	883+5115
i. Services incidental to manufacturing	884+885 (except for 88442)
j. Services incidental to energy distribution	887
k. Placement and supply services of Personnel	872
l. Investigation and security	873
m. Related scientific and technical consulting services	8675
n. Maintenance and repair of equipment (not including maritime vessels, aircraft or other transport equipment)	633+8861-8866
o. Building-cleaning services	874
p. Photographic services	875
q. Packaging services	876
r. Printing, publishing	88442
s. Convention services	87909*
t. Other	8790

2. *Communication services*

<i>A. Postal services</i>	7511
<i>B. Courier services</i>	7512
<i>C. Telecommunication services</i>	
a. Voice telephone services	7521
b. Packet-switched data transmission services	7523**
c. Circuit-switched data transmission services	7523**
d. Telex services	7523**
e. Telegraph services	7522
f. Facsimile services	7521**+7529**
g. Private leased circuit services	7522**+7523**
h. Electronic mail	7523**
i. Voice mail	7523**
j. On-line information and data base retrieval	7523**
k. Electronic data interchange (EDI)	7523**
l. Enhanced/value added facsimile services, incl. store and forward, store and retrieve	7523**
m. Code and protocol conversion	n.a.
n. On-line information and/or data processing (including transaction processing)	843**
o. Other	

	<i>D. Audiovisual services</i>	
	a. Motion picture and video tape production and distribution services	9611
	b. Motion picture projection service	9612
	c. Radio and television services	9613
	d. Radio and television transmission services	7524
	e. Sound recording	n.a.
	f. Other	
	E. Other	
3.	<i>Construction and related engineering services</i>	
	A. General construction work for buildings	512
	B. General construction work for civil engineering	513
	C. Installation and assembly work	514+516
	D. Building completion and finishing work	517
	E. Other	511+515+518
4.	<i>Distribution services</i>	
	A. Commission agents' services	621
	B. Wholesale trade services	622
	C. Retailing services	631+632+6111+6113+6121
	D. Franchising	8929
	E. Other	
5.	<i>Educational services</i>	
	A. Primary education services	921
	B. Secondary education services	922
	C. Higher education services	923
	D. Adult education	924
	E. Other education services	929
6.	<i>Environmental services</i>	
	A. Sewage services	9401

B. Refuse disposal services	9402
C. Sanitation and similar services	9403
D. Other	
7. Financial services	
A. All insurance and insurance-related services	812**
a. Life, accident and health insurance services	8121
b. Non-life insurance services	8129
c. Reinsurance and retrocession	81299*
d. Services auxiliary to insurance (including broking and agency services)	8140
B. Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance)	
a. Acceptance of deposits and other repayable funds from the public	81115-81119
b. Lending of all types, incl., <i>inter alia</i> , consumer credit, mortgage credit, factoring and financing of commercial transaction	8113
c. Financial leasing	8112
d. All payment and money transmission services	81339**
e. Guarantees and commitments	81199**
f. Trading for own account or for account of customers, whether on an exchange, in an over-the-counter market or otherwise, the following:	
- money market instruments (cheques, bills certificate of deposits, etc.)	81339**
- foreign exchange	81333
- derivative products incl., but not limited to, futures and options	81339**
- exchange rate and interest rate instruments, including products such as swaps, forward rate agreements, etc.	81339**
- transferable securities	81321*
- other negotiable instruments and financial assets, incl. bullion	81339**
g. Participation in issues of all kinds of securities, incl. under-writing and placement as agent (whether publicly or privately) and provision of service related to such issues	8132
h. Money broking	81339**
i. Asset management, such as cash or portfolio management, all forms of collective investment management, pension fund management, custodial depository and trust services	8119+** 81323*
j. Settlement and clearing services for financial assets, incl. securities, derivative products, and other negotiable instruments	81339** or 81319**
k. Advisory and other auxiliary financial services on all the activities listed in Article 1B of MTN.TNC/W/50, incl. credit reference and analysis, investment and portfolio research and advice, advice on acquisitions and on corporate restructuring and strategy	8131 or 8133
l. Provision and transfer of financial information, and financial data processing and related software by providers of other financial services	8131
C. Other	

8.	<i>Health related and social services</i> (other than those listed under 1.A.h-j.)	
	<i>A. Hospital services</i>	9311
	<i>B. Other human health services</i>	9319 (other than 93191)
	<i>C. Social services</i>	933
	<i>D. Other</i>	
9.	<i>Tourism and travel related services</i>	
	<i>A. Hotels and restaurants (incl. catering)</i>	641-643
	<i>B. Travel agencies and tour operators services</i>	7471
	<i>C. Tourist guides services</i>	7472
	<i>D. Other</i>	
10.	<i>Recreational, cultural and sporting services</i> (other than audiovisual services)	
	<i>A. Entertainment services (including theatre, live bands and circus services)</i>	9619
	<i>B. News agency services</i>	962
	<i>C. Libraries, archives, museums and other cultural services</i>	963
	<i>D. Sporting and other recreational services</i>	964
	<i>E. Other</i>	
11.	<i>Transport services</i>	
	<i>A. Maritime transport services</i>	
	a. Passenger transportation	7211
	b. Freight transportation	7212
	c. Rental of vessels with crew	7213
	d. Maintenance and repair of vessels	8868**
	e. Pushing and towing services	7214
	f. Supporting services for maritime transport	745**
	<i>B. Internal waterways transport</i>	
	a. Passenger transportation	7221
	b. Freight transportation	7222
	c. Rental of vessels with crew	7223

d. Maintenance and repair of vessels	8868**
e. Pushing and towing services	7224
f. Supporting services for internal waterway transport	745**
<i>C. Air transport services</i>	
a. Passenger transportation	731
b. Freight transportation	732
c. Rental of aircraft with crew	734
d. Maintenance and repair of aircraft	8868**
e. Supporting services for air transport	746
<i>D. Space transport</i>	733
<i>E. Rail transport services</i>	
a. Passenger transportation	7111
b. Freight transportation	7112
c. Pushing and towing services	7113
d. Maintenance and repair of rail transport equipment	8868**
e. Supporting services for rail transport services	743
<i>F. Road transport services</i>	
a. Passenger transportation	7121+7122
b. Freight transportation	7123
c. Rental of commercial vehicles with operator	7124
d. Maintenance and repair of road transport equipment	6112+8867
e. Supporting services for road transport services	744
<i>G. Pipeline transport</i>	
a. Transportation of fuels	7131
b. Transportation of other goods	7139
<i>H. Services auxiliary to all modes of transport</i>	
a. Cargo-handling services	741
b. Storage and warehouse services	742
c. Freight transport agency services	748
d. Other	749
<i>I. Other transport services</i>	
12. Other services not included elsewhere	95+97+98+99

The (*) indicates that the service specified is a component of a more aggregated CPC item specified elsewhere in this classification list.

The (**) indicates that the service specified constitutes only a part of the total range of activities covered by the CPC concordance (e.g. voice mail is only a component of CPC item 7523). Further subdivided into: (i) passenger; (ii) freight; and (iii) supporting, auxiliary and other services.

